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The September meeting of the Suncoast Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association was held at Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Enlisted Dining Facility on Monday the 15th of September 2008.

The following members attended:

Knute and Akemi Berland	Lawrence and Debbie Culley	Art Cushing
David and Pat Daniels	Ben and Dot Hogan	Bill Reetz

We started with our usual shared dish dinner, seems like everyone was in the mood for brownies this month, there were 3 varieties available. After dinner a 50/50 raffle was held collecting \$9 the winning ticket was Bill Reetz who donated \$2.50 of his share back to the club for a profit of \$7 bringing our holiday fund to \$23.00 towards our celebration in December.

The business meeting was started by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our members that have passed over the bar. There being no minutes from the previous meeting, I reported that the Treasurer had provided me our current balance of \$1,118.34. We proceeded into a discussion about the upcoming annual meeting in April of 2009. No new business was initiated nor was there any pending old business so the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held at The Ranch House Grill, 4426 W. Gandy Blvd, Tampa, FL. Phone (813) 831-9759 at 1900 (7:00 pm) on Monday October 20th. It's about a mile from the East end of the Gandy Bridge between the 1st traffic light (Westshore) and the 2nd (Manhattan) on the South side of the street (right next to Hooters).

p.s. I'm attaching the flyer advertising the 7 day Western Caribbean Cruise scheduled to depart Tampa the day after the 2009 Annual Meeting May 3rd). The price shown does not include the fuel surcharge of \$5 per day per passenger (i.e. add \$70 for 2 people for the cruise). The deadline for reservations is December 2nd, after that date additional cabins may be available but

the rate is no longer guaranteed. I had only reserved 2 Balcony rooms in the original contract and they've been sold. Four more balcony rooms have been reserved but the new rate is \$1075 per person. If you would like more info contact me or Kris Frank at AAA South Travel 727-584-7678 ext 2227.

Bill Reetz

This month's joke:

A man walks into the street and manages to get a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank"

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more... He had a memory like a computer, could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow, some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too -- he was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Frank. I just married his f#\$king widow."