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**Members are encouraged
to write and furnish
articles concerning
matters of
mutual interest.**



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THANKSGIVING*by Thom McGorray*

*For the wealth that is our friendship,
Whereon no harm did fall;
For the training that we shared alike,
That let us each stand tall.
For the cases that we worked and solved,
For the paths we all did trod
For the bravery of our fallen ones,
I thank thee, O my God!*

*For reports that were well written,
And the grace to do what’s right.
With our egos badly smitten,
Long hours worked through the night.
For Thy safety and protection,
And the disciplining rod.
For our fight against all evil,
I thank Thee, O my God!*

*For respecting badge and gun,
And the laws that show the way.
For success in our endeavors,
For completing every day.
For the justice that we strove for,
For your blessings and your nod,
For all our brothers died for,
I thank Thee, O my God*

*For the splendor of your wisdom,
Deep rooted in all things.
For justice that was well served,
And all that goodness brings.
For agents steeped in courage,
We stand so proud ,yet awed,
For watching o’er our Bureau,
I thank Thee, O my God.*

*And as our time grows shorter,
And as our suns do set.
We thank thee for this journey,
Each agent that we met.
For helping in the battle,
Within, above, abroad,
For watching o’er us daily,
I thank Thee, O my God.*

NEWS FOR THE GRAPEVINE AND REPORT
OF CHAPTER MEETING

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Name of Chapter: Tucson Chapter of Arizona

**Date and Place of Meeting: OCTOBER 2,, 2006
HomeTown Buffet**

**Speaker - Tom McGorray -
"The National Convention-NYC 06"**

Type of Meeting: Lunch

Number in Attendance: 18

Names of Members: Tom Alt, Larry Bagley, Jack Egnor, Gerald Femling, Jim Garcia, Erik Godtlibsen, Don Groghan, Charlie Johnson, Dean Lundwuiist, Tom McGorray, Paul Rush, Fred Smith, Joe Stanley, Mike Zabowski.

Names of Guests: Carolyn McGorray, Olga Rush

Tom & Carolyn McGorray reported on the National Convention in NYC.

SOCIETY 53RD NATIONAL CONVENTION -
NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2006

The convention opened with registration on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Registration continued. There was a BICS meeting all day Wednesday lead by Unit Chief Maurice Hayes. This included a BICS overview, LECUIU and SIGBIU overview and an excellent Power Point presentation. The hospitality room opened at noon with water and soft drinks. A variety of tables were set up including an FBIRA store, tables for the Orlando National Convention in 2007, The Lake Tahoe Western Regional in May of 2007, and the Chicago Tri-Regional on June 28 of 2007. Many prizes were given away to anyone who was registered for the convention. Society Web site training took place and 10 computers were available to anyone who

wished to learn about the Society's new web site and how to set up an individual chapter home page. This allowed Society members to register, explore the sitemap and online directory, create a personal page, create a buddy lists and email address book and to create a webpage for your local chapter. The welcoming reception was very nice and was held in the Grand Ballroom. There were buffet tables for Chinese, Italian, Seafood and a miscellaneous

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

The Major Breakfast was outstanding even though Rudy Giuliani was a no-show. The breakfast was attended by numerous SAC's and FBIHQ persons. It cost \$500,000 to put on this convention and much of this was paid by Platinum Sponsors such as the NY Yankees,(Phil McNiff), Chevron, (Scott Taylor/Steve Steinhauer), Mutual of America, (Ed Kenney). Gold Sponsors: Dow Jones,(Joe Cantamessa), Johnson&Johnson,(Andy Palumbo), Price Waterhouse,(Don Hubbard), Walt Disney,(Ron Iden), ITRONIX, Bill Dailly), Guardsmark (Weldon Kennedy), SAMBA, (Walt Wilson), Bank of America, (Neil Gallagher), Coca Cola (Chris Mattiace) Lincoln Financial (Jack Smoot), MacAndrews & Forbes (Floyd Clark), AXA Financial (Ed Miller), etc.

The colors were presented by the NY State Honor Guard and former agent Emmett McNamara was congratulated on his 97th birthday.

NY SAC Mark Mershon introduced NY Police Commissioner Ray Kelly who praised the FBI for their close partnership with the 40,000 NY police men.

The Keynote speaker at the breakfast was Deputy FBI Director John Pistole who said it was a privilege to be in NYC, the safest city in the US. He talked about the 3 B's: Be Sincere...Be brief... Be seated..... He told how the world and the FBI changed on 9-11. He spoke of intelligence collection, and analysis and the many Field Intel-

ligence Groups and the National Security Branch of the FBI. He mentioned the weekly review of Sentinel, the Bureaus new computer program under development. He mentioned that the FBI has over 100 Joint Task Forces involving Federal, state and local officers. He talked about change and the re-aligning of 30,000 FBI employees, 396 Resident Agencies and 57 Legats. He stated that the "heart of the FBI will not change".

The Webster Award was presented to GEORGE GREEN of the Baltimore Division for his public service. \$5000 check was presented for the Charity of his choice. Ed Bodigheimer talked briefly of the Orlando Convention in 2007

Foundation Chairman Robert Gast presented the JEH award to St Francis College. For retired agents who attended St Francis College were present: Ed O'Brien, Bill Whelan, Dan Blake and Tom Pickard.

In the afternoon a NY Tour Seminar, SAMBA Seminar and a Financial Seminar were well attended. Society Web Training was also available.

An evening Dinner Cruise was conducted on two ships, one the New York and the other the New Jersey. The food and entertainment were first class and a good time was had by all.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

Friday began with a continental breakfast, followed by a series of tours: NYC Highlights tour included a visit to Ground 0, the Ellis Island tour, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens tour, and the tour of SOHO-Greenwich Village. A power Point presentation concerning xgboys, the retired agents listserv was well attended and several new members were recruited.

Friday evening was opened and most enjoyed a special dinner at one of the better restaurants and a Broadway Show.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

Saturday began with a continental breakfast where many had a chance to meet old and new friends. The annual business meeting started promptly at 8:30 am with a Call to order by Scott Erskine and the Presentation of colors by the Ramapo NY Police Dept. Father John Hurley gave the invocation. The NY convention committee, and the Past Presidents of the Society were recognized as well as the National Committee Chairmen, Chapter Delegates, and First time attendees, and the Society Staff personel.

Guest Speaker, FBI Director Robert Mueller II was introduced. He spoke on three main topics:

1. Balance needed between Security and Criminal investigations
2. Future of the Bureau
3. Growth of the Bureau since 9-11.

Concerning growth he mentioned that we now have 12,500 Special Agents and 30,000 FBI employees including numerous Intelligence Analyst. The FBI Budget has gone from 3.2 Billion (2001) to 6 Billion in 2006. He mentioned the great legacy that our predecessors have bestowed on us and he thanked all who came before to make the FBI what it is today. Director Mueller answered several questions concerning HR 218, the right to carry, Sentenel, the 5 year Supervisor rule, etc.

The Lou Peters award went to Mike Ghaderi, for his 6 years of sacrifice in operation "White Tiger" a major Heroine case in the Baltimore area. Ghaderi suffered many hardships and was placed under witness protection. He stated that you do not have to be born here to love this country". A series of Society reports were made and the change of command was made between Jerry Emmons to Andy Palumbo, our New President.

On Friday afternoon there was a Fur fashion show, showing the latest in Fall Furs.

The Delegates meeting was well attended. Scott

Erskine advised that 3800 Retired Credentials had been furnished since February 2006. Only 68 credentials remain but require a credential number or photograph. Identification card and the right to carry was thoroughly discussed. Each state seems to have a different problem but firearms certification is needed as well as an ID card in order to carry a weapon. The Bureau issues the ID card. The group discussed the possibility of one Humanitarian award (\$10,000) Don Witham, editor of the Grapevine asked the participants not to sit on articles but to get them in right away. Te discussed the Society's new web site and Associate membership in the Society by active FBI agents. Fred Bragg, President of the FBIAA spoke about Associate membership. He stated that 99% of all FBI agents sign up for the FBIAA at Quantico, during Training class. He discussed Housing allowance for high cost cities, and pension retention for those affected by the 5 year rule. He talked about HR 4132, concerning search warrants on the Hill. He mentioned plans for the FBI's 100 anniversary in 2008. He talked about the availability of \$30 grave markers for retired agents and the problem of theft and local cemetery rules.

MAJOR CASE PRESENTATION - SSA David Reign worked the Enron case for 4.5 years. Billions in losses, Biggest bankruptcy in history. In December 2001 it was the 7th largest company in America. It went up 20% for five years. Holdings were oil, natural gas, wholesale trading, energy contracts, internet and broadband services. Ken Lay - grew up poor. Father was religious. Came from a modest upbringing. He was making 60 to 100 million per year for several years. He testified that he was broke at trial. Stock went down to nothing in six months. Aggressive and fraudulent accounting was the main problem. The trial was four months long. Jeff Skilling was complete opposite of Lay. Both were crooks.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

On Sunday, there were addition tours available in the NYC area. Also a 7 day cruise to Bermuda on the Norwegion Crown set sail.

The Watchful Eye
Posted Monday, Aug. 8, 1949
TIME MAGAZINE



A Communist settled confidently into the witness chair in Manhattan's federal courtroom and started his familiar spiel. Witness Anthony Krcmarek, a minor Communist functionary from Ohio, had come to lend his assurance that the party would not harm even a flea, much less overthrow a Government. He soon found himself talking into the teeth of some expert testimony from a fellow Ohioan: William Cummings, a Toledo auto worker who had spent six years among the Communists as an undercover agent for the FBI.

This was getting to be a familiar experience for defense witnesses in the trial of the eleven top U.S. Communist leaders. U.S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey had kept another witness, Daily Worker Editor John Gates, squirming for six grueling days on that same stand.

After spinning a fine story of what a dedicated idealist he was, Communist Gates had been asked a few pertinent questions. He had testified, had he not, that he was born in New York? Yes. Then McGohey produced a relief application that Gates had once filled out in Youngstown, Ohio, giving Lakewood, N.J. as his birthplace. Had Gates been using that name since 1932? Yes. McGohey fished out a 1937 passport application in which he gave his name as Isriel Ragenstrich. Had Gates not gone to jail twice? Yes. McGohey confronted him with a previous sworn statement, declaring he had never been convicted of a crime.

Expendable Informer. The ordeal of defendant after defendant had become almost a ritual. Backed by the FBI's own underground and the bales of reports which the FBI had been collecting since before World War II, Prosecutor McGohey often seemed to know more about the Communists and their allies than the 'Reds' themselves.

The Tucson "SPY-der Web" November, 2006

OUR NEXT MEETING - will be Monday, November 6, 2006 at the HomeTown Buffet. Please make a special effort to attend. Bring a friend, guest, or a potential new member, but most importantly, bring yourself. Come enjoy the speaker, the lunch, the camaraderie, support, and networking with Chapter members. Our speaker will be the SAC of Phoenix, John Lewis.

CONGRATULATIONS - to our newly elected Society officers: President: Andrew Palumbo, President-elect, Rich Bernes, Secretary, Edward O'Brien, Treasurer, L Clyde Groover and Foundation Chairman, Jerry Emmons.

SAC PHOENIX - John E. Lewis was recently named Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI's Phoenix Field Office by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III. Mr. Lewis, who has contributed nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the FBI, replaces Jana Monroe who recently retired from the FBI. He leaves FBI Headquarters where, since April 2004, he has served as the Inspector/Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division.

ELECTIONS - Our slate of officers for 2006-2007 is as follows: Chairman - Joel Carlson, Vice Chairman, Ted Hinderaker, Treasurer, Larry Bagley, Secretary, Tom McGorray Anyone wishing to serve as an officer should contact one of the above.

G-MEN - Not always FBI "G-Men is obviously a contraction of Government men (but) the FBI is by no means the only law-enforcement agent of the U.S. Government." The other agencies whose G-men solve crimes include: Postal Inspectors, Border Patrol, INS, Bureau of Customs, and Secret Service.

FBI SUED - A privacy advocacy group this week filed a lawsuit against Department of Justice after the FBI failed to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request for records concerning electronic surveillance tools, including one that appears to have evolved from the now defunct Carnivore program. The Electronic Frontier Foundation is seeking information on the DCS-3000 and Red

Hook programs.

DUES DUE NOW - We are now in the new fiscal year that runs from SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 until August 30, 2007. Chapter dues of \$15 are due by September 1, 2006. For those several who have not yet done so, please take a moment to write out your check, payable to "XFBI Tucson Chapter", and bring to the next meeting or mail today to: Larry Bagley-Treasurer 7541 N. Calle Cordobesa Tucson, AZ 85704

A WEB SITE - is claiming that seven NFL stadiums will be hit with radiological dirty bombs this weekend, but the government on Wednesday expressed doubts about the threat. The warning, posted Oct. 12, was part of an ongoing Internet conversation titled "New Attack on America Be Afraid." It mentioned NFL stadiums in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleveland, where games are scheduled this weekend.

THE FBI - Counterespionage Section is looking for a retired agent to work as a personal services contractor (PSC) in the San Francisco area. They are looking for someone with prior espionage related experience who currently has or has had security clearances in the past 2-years. The PSC would primarily be mentoring agents new to FCI and assisting on espionage cases. CONTACT: raylyd@cox.net

FBI DIRECTOR - Robert Mueller on Tuesday called on Internet service providers to record their customers' online activities, a move that anticipates a fierce debate over privacy and law enforcement in Washington next year. "Terrorists coordinate their plans cloaked in the anonymity of the Internet, as do violent sexual predators prowling chat rooms," Mueller said in a speech at the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Boston.

ZABA - That's Zaba as in ZabaSearch.com, a so-called people search site that allows you to quickly track down the whereabouts of just about anyone, free of charge.

FBI BADGES - Go to "epier.com" (remove the quotes) and at the site, do a 'search' of 'fbi badge.' You'll see some quality badges of the Bureau and other agencies coming out of a company in Germany for \$60. Checking a bit further, the German company in question can be found at the below site. They do mention the badges are "full size" and remind purchasers that they have to obey the "badge laws" of the respective company they live. "Yes, ok, I promise I'll do that....." And I must say, the badges appear to be very high quality. <http://www.policebadge.org/index.htm>

FUTURE SPEAKERS - If you have suggestions for future speakers on topics of interest to our members, please contact Chapter Chairman Joel Carlson. Some present Society Members may wish the opportunity to inform the group of their businesses. Such Members should inform the Chapter Chairman so that time may be set aside for their presentations.

DENTAL INSURANCE - After two years of planning and evaluation, enhanced insurance coverage for bad teeth and weak eyes will be offered to federal employees, retirees and their dependents this fall through contracts awarded to 10 companies. A new dental and vision program, which becomes effective Dec. 31, will accept enrollments from Nov. 13 through Dec. 11, the period also set aside for federal employees and retirees to choose their health insurance options for next year.

THE SAUDI MINISTRY - of Islamic Affairs has announced the upcoming launch of a website aimed at fighting extremism and to reform individuals with extremist views. The website, which will have sections in Arabic and in English, is aimed at Muslim audiences worldwide. It will include forums for debating controversial issues like takfir (accusing other Muslims of heresy) and al-walaa wal-baraa.(1) http://www.memri.org/bin/opener_latest.cgi?ID=SD132006

SOCIETY WEB SITE <http://www.socxfbi.org/> <http://www.socxfbi.org/> Your attention is invited again to the Society,s new and improved

website
<<http://www.socxfbi.org/>><http://www.socxfbi.org/> . All members who have internet access are urged to promptly login and register for their new usernames and passwords. Much info is now available there, including membership application forms and job posts. In the members only section, the latest directory is accessible, along with email access, to other members from the website

ADDRESS - and Email Corrections Needed: Please inform the Chapter Secretary if you are not receiving our emails (or hard copy to those few who do not have email access), as well as, any email and address changes or corrections for the Bulletin. Also, please inform the Secretary, if you want any additional items included in our regular bulletins or names added to our mailing list

QUOTATIONS -

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. — Kahlil Gibran, artist, poet, writer (1883-1931)

Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. — Thomas Edison, inventor, businessman (1847-1931)

I'm a great believer in luck. I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. — Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President (1743-1826)

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

DEC. 9, 2006

CARONA RANCH

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING



JOHN LEWIS SAC PHOENIX

John E. Lewis entered on duty with the FBI at Washington, D.C., on July 25, 1977. Over the next four and one-half years, Mr. Lewis held a series of clerical positions until his appointment to the position of Special Agent on February 21, 1982.

Upon completion of new Agent training, Mr. Lewis was assigned to the Dallas, Texas Field Office, and thereafter to serve the Newark, New Jersey Field Office where he was assigned investigative responsibilities associated with Violent Crimes and Major Offenders, Drugs, White Collar Crime, as well as an assignment to the division's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Financial Crimes and Public Corruption investigations.

In October of 1989, Mr. Lewis was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent, Undercover and Sensitive Operations Unit, FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. This assignment involved national oversight responsibility for various areas of the FBI's undercover program.

In April of 1992, Mr. Lewis was promoted and reassigned to the New Haven, Connecticut Field Office and supervised squads handling Violent Crimes and Major Offenders, Civil Rights vio-



lations, Applicant matters, White Collar Crime investigations, and the FBI's first multi-agency Health Care Fraud task force.

In September of 1996, Mr. Lewis was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge and reassigned to the San Antonio, Texas Field Office. During the assignment, Mr. Lewis was responsible for all facets of FBI field operations to include each of the FBI's investigative and intelligence programs, Applicant and Training programs, Special Operations Group, SWAT, and the division's Support Services branch.

In August 2001, Mr. Lewis was promoted to the position of Inspector and reassigned to FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. While in this assignment, Mr. Lewis had responsibilities in the areas of information security, and field office and Legal Attache inspections.

In August 2002, Mr. Lewis was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City field office and was responsible for FBI operations in Oklahoma until April, 2004.

In April 2004, Mr. Lewis was promoted to Inspector/Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., where he had oversight responsibility in the areas of Domestic Terrorism WMD, Terrorism Financing, and Communications Exploitation.



TUCSON CHAPTER CALENDAR



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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| Nov 6, 2006 | Luncheon - Home Town Buffett 11:30 AM
Speaker: SAC Phoenic: John Lewis |
| Dec.9, 2006 | Christmas Dinner Party (with FBI Tucson)
Carona Ranch |
| Jan. 8, 2007 | Dave Yetman- Desert Speaks (KUAT TV) |
| Feb. 5, 2007 | Luncheon - HomeTown Buffet, 11:30 am
Speaker needed |

If you know of a Speaker please contact one of the Officers...Thanks

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To:



Hope to see you on
November 6th.....