

Peter Gavigan

by Doug Kent

Our Lady of Perpetual Help elementary school, and Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, New York had no problems with our mystery Prime Timer. Upon graduation from high school in 1958, he joined the Navy and spent 4 years on a helicopter rescue crew. When he returned home, he had no choice but to join the family business.

He began his 20 year career with the New York City Police Department, 9 years as a uniform policeman, and 11 years in plain clothes. During his stay with the NYPD he managed to complete his undergraduate degree in Behavioral Science from the New York Institute of Technology.

After his retirement from the NYPD he decided a less stressful position was needed to occupy his time. He applied and was accepted into the U.S. Marshals Service. For the next seven years, our Prime Timer was responsible for supervising the security for the 11th Federal Circuit Court System in 30 cities throughout a 3 state system. During this time he managed to complete his Masters Degree in Psychology.

One would think that our mystery person was through working in these stressful positions. Wrong. After leaving the U.S. Marshalls, he began work with the Broward House treatment center in Fort Lauderdale, as a mental health therapist specializing in chemical addiction. He eventually became Director of Mental Health Services for Broward House. In 2000 he decided that retirement was in order.

He and his partner of 34 years bought a motor home and traveled extensively throughout this country. He says that nothing he did in life was more stressful than driving that motor home on U.S. highways.

Now a resident of Coconut Creek, he enjoys bowling, Prime Timers, and has begun to do a little sewing.

