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Beware of COVID-19 Scams

By Stephanie Ghazvini, FSA
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During this time, the FSA wants you and your family to be particularly aware of scams related to COVID-19. Be aware of social media posts, texts and websites that try to take your personal information or infect your computers with viruses meant to do so. Think twice before investing in

companies that say they are working on a coronavirus cure and check sources such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Also be aware of fake fundraising or online marketing of products claiming to cure the novel coronavirus or a vaccination for it.

Other scams, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says, target COVID-19 tax refunds and stimulus checks. An emailed link urges you to "access your funds now," and would take you to a fake government website to enter your financial information. Other emails look like they may be from the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As always, be cautious with unfamiliar links or emails, or calls and texts from unfamiliar numbers. Remember that no bank or government official will call to ask you for your personal information. Any request like that should put you on your guard.

If you are contacted by anyone and suspect a scam, call the non-emergency number of your sheriff's office to report it.

Find more FSA Crime Tips at www.flisheriffs.org or on the first Saturday of every month on the FSA Facebook page using #CrimeTipSaturday. ☺

KEEP CALM and Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Here are **5 things** you can do to avoid a Coronavirus scam:



Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.

Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.



Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.



Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.

Don't click on links in emails or texts you didn't expect.



Research before you donate.

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. Get tips on donating wisely at ftc.gov/charity.



Stay in the know.

Go to ftc.gov/coronavirus for the latest information on scams. Sign up to get FTC's alerts at ftc.gov/subscribe.



Federal Trade Commission

If you see a scam, report it to
ftc.gov/complaint



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By BOB KILLEN

**The remaining IPA meeting for 2020 will HOPEFULLY be held on:
November 18th**

There isn't much that I can report during this period. My mobility, including the use of computers, has been very limited because of an accident that occurred in my home on April 18th, 2020. I've been in rehab since undergoing surgery on my broken hip. My broken hand is in a cast and I am restricted in the use of my computer.

The NDC scheduled for October 2020 in Kentucky has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. They will still be holding a virtual conference and our Secretary/Treasurer Bob Hurley will be in attendance. Bob volunteered since of my uncertainty of attending this. Next year, 2021, the NDC will be scheduled for Kentucky on or around the same dates.

I thank the Region 11 Board Members for their support by stepping-up during my downtime. Rich Kreuter, Dave Boros, Mike Zibrin, Tony Romano and Laszlo Pozsgai.

The next General Meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2020 at G.G.'s restaurant. This was cancelled due to the resurgence of the virus and safe-distancing can not be provided in the room. When the decision was made to cancel, the membership was advised via email sent on June 27th, 2020.

Please keep our brothers and sisters, on the front lines in your prayers, during these times of riots, protests and COVID-19. Some are experiencing events that we have not.

In April and May, two deputies and a communications officer from our regional area passed away. Although underlying health issues were suspected in the deaths, the diagnosis given was 'due to complications of the coronavirus'.

The family of Broward Sheriff's Deputy, Shannon Bennett, has been fighting to keep his benefits which have been denied twice. This article is from June 30, 2020.

<https://www.wkyt.com/2020/06/30/family-of-fla-deputy-who-died-of-covid-19-denied-line-of-duty-insurance-claim/>

Palm Beach Sergeant Diaz Ayala passed on April 6th from complications of coronavirus.

Broward Sheriff's Communication Officer: Nikima Thompson passed on May 4th.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of these professionals.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, by Tony Romano

Once a man was wandering on a deserted beach in a lovely morning. The sun was shining, and the sea looked amazing. As he strolled along the beach, he could see a man going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. As he approached the man, he noticed that he was throwing starfishes to the sea. The man noticed hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand brought by the tides.

The man was stuck by the apparent vanity of the task. There were hundreds of starfish on the beach and many of them were sure to perish as the sun grew stronger by the day. But the man continued the task of picking up a starfish one by one and throwing them into the sea.

"I must ask, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" he asked as he approached the man throwing the starfish. The man replied, "The sun is up, and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die soon."

Observing the frugality of the task, the man said, "There are thousands of starfish stranded on the beach. There is no way you can throw all of them back to the surf. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man, stooped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. He turned back to the man and replied: "It surely made a difference to that one!"

Often, we get overwhelmed by the challenges of the world as it seems to be humongous and unconquerable. We may feel like our actions are trivial. But this should not stop us from our attempt to create positive change in the world. We often forget and ignore the impact of our actions on the world. Sometimes even our tiniest act of kindness may be affecting someone in a great way.

Hope this inspirational short story charged your spirit, helped you to gain a new perspective in your life or at least made you smile.

Secretary/Treasure's Message by Bob Hurley

I hope this message finds everyone well. These past couple of month's have been really trying for most but, we as Americans will/can weather this storm. During this time I got to know my wife a lot better (LOL!).

On to Region 11's business. There really isn't much to report since there have been no Region business except keeping the books up to date each month. The following is the Region's current finances as of 05/29/2020: Checking: \$719.42 and Savings: \$25,880.16.

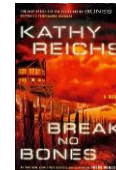
I was selected as the Region's Voting Delegate for the NDC 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky, but it has been cancelled, but we will be meeting virtually to conduct IPA Business, etc. for 2020. My report will follow as soon as this occurs.

Well that's about it for now. Please stay safe and well until we can meet again. If you have any questions, please contact me at nvy789@yahoo.com.

Servo Per Amico
Bob Hurley



THE KILLEN SAGA



First and foremost, I'd like to thank everyone for all the, Get Well, speedy-recovery emails, texts, phone calls and cards. This was greatly appreciated. During the first two weeks of my injury, I was unable to respond to anyone. Here is what occurred.

April 18, 2020: I fell in my house while carrying a large box of groceries. The handle on the side broke and carried my weight to the floor. I experienced extreme pain to my right hip area. Unknown to me at the time, my son, Shane, immediately called paramedics. I'm glad he did and as I was transported to Coral Springs Hospital where the x-ray revealed a broken right hip and broken left hand.

April 19, 2020: Surgery was conducted, and a hip replacement was done along with a cast for my left hand. I recovered in the hospital until the following Wednesday evening on April 22nd, when I begged to go home already. While in the hospital I received injections for the pain. There were no visitors allowed in the hospital, so the wife couldn't even bring me my Irish medication (Jameson).

On the day I left the hospital and arrived at home, it was a real task getting to the bedroom on the second floor (19 steps – I counted!) I also need help getting into the bed. I received two "gifts" from the hospital consisting of a walker and a high-top toilet seat.

The next two weeks were a painful struggle and I needed help with everything. But my Angel – my wife, Silvia – unconditionally was there for my every need. She didn't only help me physically but, emotionally as well. She helped me realize that I would get better, she helped me get in-and-out of bed, brought me meals and gave me the emotional comfort that I desperately needed.

Our only twice-a-day conflict was when I needed my Enoxaparin Sodium injection ('Lovenox' a blood thinner given usually after certain surgeries) into my stomach for four long weeks. It was painful but, Silvia kept reminding me of its importance.

May 7th, 2020: I had my first visit to the doctor, and he removed fourteen staples from my leg. That is when I realized I now have an eight-inch scar and I wouldn't be able to wear my speedos to the beach any longer.

May 14th, 2020: X-rays were done again to my hip and hand with a follow-up to the doctor.

May 28th, 2020: Doctor said that my hand looked good and removed the cast from my left hand. I was given a suggestion for hand therapy, giving me a choice of three different companies - all of which had no therapists available.

By this time, my hip therapist had finished the amount of therapy I could receive with my insurance. There was total of three weeks of therapy at twice per week. My next appointment is in early July.

I can say, without a doubt, that this has been a learning experience of ups and downs. I again, am so thankful for my wife.

June 7th, 2020: It's been seven weeks since the operation and now my spirits have risen although my mobility is not 100%. I've been told that it is going to take a total of around eight months to completely heal. My dancing days are still in the future.

Once again, I want to thank all the well-wishers for a speedy recovery. I've been receiving many inquiries and I greatly appreciate everyone's concern. I am doing fine now. God Bless All. B.K.