

who have been members for over 50 years, dad has a card on you in his Rolodex.

If you are a member of the old Capitol Hill Club or are "a regular" there then dad has an address card on you.

If you're a writer or staffer on the Bulletin for the Cosmos Club, dad knows how to get in touch with you. The Cosmos Club was a great joy to dad in these past few years. He certainly enjoyed working with the club's members and management.

If you were a member of the Knights of Columbus from St. Thomas Apostle, Dad knew where to find you. By the way, I want to thank the brother Knights for coming today to be part of Dad's funeral.

If you belong to the Hill Investment Club, thanks for making Dad think that he was a Big Investor.

Dad was an active and involved member of the District of Columbia Republican Committee for 25 years plus. He was always eager to see the two party system work here in our hometown.

Dad knew all of his neighbors and was the first to help out on any local project.

To our parish, he was a steady presence.

Simply put—Dad had your number! And I would guess that you had his.

He was a caring and loving husband, a real father in every sense of the word, a quiet, fun-loving friend and neighbor, a dedicated, loyal employee, a constant worker—he even finished his novel, despite the fact that it took him years, a devoted member of his Church and a true renaissance man!

Mom and I will continue to use this clunky Rolodex, to call you and to cherish your friendship.

Today, there is a new card written in God's Heavenly Rolodex. It can be found under the letter T. The name on it is Paul A. Theis.

The peace of Christ be with you Dad.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 29, 2004]

PAUL A. THEIS; WHITE HOUSE AIDE

Paul A. Theis, 81, an author and former journalist who worked in President Gerald R. Ford's administration as a senior speechwriter and head of the White House editorial department, died March 24 at Washington Hospital Center of complications after heart valve surgery.

Mr. Theis joined the White House staff as executive editor shortly after Ford was sworn into office August 9, 1974. As head of the editorial department, he oversaw speechwriting, presidential messages, research and correspondence.

In 1976, Ford named him deputy undersecretary of agriculture for congressional and public affairs. Mr. Theis left that job after Ford's defeat later that year and worked about four years as a staff consultant to the House Committee on Agriculture and on President-elect Ronald Reagan's Agriculture Department transition team in 1980 and 1981.

In 1981, he started Headliner Editorial Service, a Washington-based firm offering editorial and speechwriting services for business, government and political clients. He headed the firm until his death.

Mr. Theis, a Washington resident, was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was a journalism graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces as a B-17 Flying Fortress combat pilot in Italy. His military decorations included the Air Medal.

He also served in the Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of major.

Mr. Theis worked for Newsweek and Army Times as a Washington correspondent before serving as an executive assistant to Rep. Oli-

ver P. Bolton (R-Ohio) from 1955 to 1957. He served on the inaugural committees of Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon.

He was a member of the D.C. Republican Committee for more than 20 years.

He was co-editor of "Who's Who in American Politics" in the late 1960s, co-wrote "All About Politics" (1972) and wrote the novel "Devil in the House" (2004).

His memberships included St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church in Washington, the Knights of Columbus, National Press Club, the Capitol Hill Club, the Cosmos Club and the Notre Dame and Georgetown alumni associations.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Nancy Theis, and their son, Mitchell Theis, both of Washington.

[From the Washington Times, Apr. 8, 2004]

PAUL A. THEIS, 81, JOURNALIST, GOP OFFICIAL

Paul A. Theis, a former journalist and Republican Party official who served in the Ford administration, died of complications from heart surgery March 24 at the Washington Hospital Center. He was 81.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mr. Theis graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1948 and received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Services in 1949.

He also attended American University's Graduate School of Communication from 1949 to 1952.

As a B-17 combat pilot in World War II, he served with the 15th Air Force in Italy, receiving the Air Medal and the European Theater Ribbon with six battle stars. He held the rank of major in the Air Force Reserve.

A former Washington correspondent for Newsweek and other publications, Mr. Theis served as public relations director of the National Republican Congressional Committee from 1960 to 1974.

He joined the White House staff in August 1974, shortly after Gerald Ford was sworn in as president. Mr. Theis led four divisions: speechwriting, presidential messages, research and correspondence. He also was a member of the D.C. Republican Committee for more than 20 years and a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1984, 1988 and 1992.

His book "Devil in the House," was published in January. He also co-authored the 1972 book "All About Politics" with William Steponkus.

In January 1976, Mr. Theis was named by Mr. Ford as deputy undersecretary of agriculture for congressional and public affairs and served in that capacity during the remainder of the Ford administration. He then joined the House Agriculture Committee, where he served as a staff consultant from 1977 to 1981, and on President Reagan's Agriculture Department transition team from 1980 to 1981.

Mr. Theis in 1981 founded Headliner Editorial Service, a District-based firm offering editorial and speechwriting services for business, government and political clients. He led the firm until his death.

Mr. Theis was a member of the National Press Club for more than 50 years, the Capitol Hill Club, the Cosmos Club, and Notre Dame and Georgetown's alumni associations. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Council No. 11487 Knights of Columbus and an active member of St. Thomas Apostle parish in the District.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Nancy; and a son, Mitchell Theis of the District.

THE HEMOPHILIA ASSOCIATION OF CAPITOL AREA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area on their 40th anniversary. The Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area or HACA is a nonprofit organization that provides many needed services to persons with bleeding disorders such as Hemophilia and Von Willebrand's Disease and their families. HACA serves Northern Virginia, Washington, DC, and the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges. HACA is a chapter of the Hemophilia Federation of America and the National Hemophilia Foundation, the two leading hemophilia patient organizations. HACA's mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with Hemophilia and Von Willebrand's disease and their families, to act as an advocate; to educate, to improve services to its members; to promote research and to raise necessary resources in financial and volunteer terms to fulfill this purpose.

Hemophilia is a blood clotting disorder where certain proteins are missing in the blood plasma, which prevents the body's blood from clotting properly. This can lead to prolonged bleeding episodes, which can result in severe joint damage and in some cases death. However, it is a myth that those with hemophilia can bleed to death from minor injuries or from bleeding out.

Recently, HACA has been under the stewardship of Executive Director Sandi Qualley. Sandi has worked tirelessly to improve services for those with bleeding disorders both nationally and in Virginia. HACA has an integral part of the successful grass roots movement to pass the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act during the 1990s. Recently HACA has worked with other community members to launch a campaign to educate Congress on women and bleeding disorders.

HACA currently serves over 250 families through the metropolitan Washington, DC area. The organization provides an array of educational programs and services for its members. HACA provides financial assistance to deserving families. HACA also assists other nonprofit organizations that work with the hemophilia community with resources.

The HACA Blood Buddies Program works to match up young boys with hemophilia with older hemophiliacs who serve as mentors. Blood Buddies was established in 1998 to help facilitate an environment where individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders can gather to discuss issues, learn procedures, and build a community of support. The program's focus is to learn about current trends, community events, discuss social issues while building friendships, and mentoring young individuals through support.

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area on their 40 years of service to the hemophilia community throughout the Nation and in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. I wish them many more years of superior work.