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From The Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

Any organization, ours included, is judged or perceived by the power it possesses. That power lies in the undying commitment and unity that portrays that strength. The strength to act as one, a common purpose, focused first and foremost on the resolve to attain its goal. If we allow ourselves to separate, we will fail under pressure. If we retreat in a time of crisis, than we have lost our strength. Our union's success is based on a unified front. I'm not saying that we can't disagree because that's where the common goal is born.

There's disagreement, communication, and than finally negotiation to achieve that goal. But don't let misinformation, intentionally inflammatory emails and what if's obscure what's real. Once that goal is defined, all our resources can be used together until we have achieved success. And it's this process that gives us the strength to win. There's a broad spectrum of member's in this union who have a completely different financial need: members whose retirement will be affected for the rest of their lives, members who are trying to pay for their children's college, members who are trying to pay their mortgages and members who are trying to start a career. The contractual or working condition problems or issues are not the reason for failure. They will always be there. Disputes or conflicting interpretations of the contract is why we are here. It's a fact of life. If we are focused, strong and unified in our commitment, these problems will be resolved.

Along with strength; drive, determination and attitude are needed to succeed. Drive is the force of our unity. Everyone on the same page after the process of disagreement and communication has occurred. Determination is the resolve to fight the fight to the end. To never give up, always reevaluating but always going forward. But remember, we are a diverse group and the needs of everyone must be considered in the final solution. And last but certainly not least is attitude. The in your face I'm not gonna stop coming persona that finally wilts the other sides resolve. This union possesses all of these attributes. The only thing which can cause us to fail is distractions from within. These distractions show a vulnerability which can be eyed as a lack of strength. The strength and unity which has helped us reach the goals we have attained. Strength of our honor, wealth and name is at stake. We must all have trust in each other as well as ourselves. And we all rely on our union to be our strength.

President's Message

by James Carver

UNITY

Unity is easy when times are going good and there are no major issues facing a union. For the past few years this union has faced our share of major issues, none more challenging than dealing with the loss of 5 of our police officers who died in the line of duty. Dealing with that alone would have been a tremendous strain on any union. Dealing with the deaths of our brothers during these times which include the wage/step freeze, the realignment/closures of precincts and several other issues including the misconduct of the former commissioner which led to his resignation puts a huge strain on this union.

It is very easy for members to start losing faith or caring less about the job we all love. We must all dig down deep and make sure that doesn't happen because if it does happen, it is the beginning of the end and it will be difficult to recover. We must all act as one, not as independent contractors. If we act as independent contractors it opens the door for management to seize control.

Of the challenges we face at this moment, none is more challenging than the wage/step freeze which should and must make us all stronger in the end as long as we all stay together. No union to my knowledge has negotiated its way out of a wage freeze although we have come close a few times. We will continue to work towards that goal while also pursuing our legal challenges in court.

I know these times are frustrating for everyone, especially those in steps, and you want constant information and updates, but things change with our talks on almost a daily basis that any detailed information we would distribute could change in a matter of hours or days. There's also information and strategies that can't be distributed for reasons that should be obvious to everyone during our talks.

On January 17th our attorneys filed our briefs with Justice Diamond on the statutory argument that NIFA had no authority to freeze wages/steps since the "Interim Finance Period" had expired. The county and NIFA must file their replies by February 7th. It is unknown how long thereafter a decision will be handed down. What I do know is that whoever loses at the State Supreme Court level here in Nassau County will appeal that decision to the Appellate Division and ultimately to the State Court of Appeals, further delaying a final decision.

In closing I want to remind everyone to stay strong and united and keep the faith.

Be sure to visit our website www.nassaupba.org

Top Cops of the Month August 2012

P.O. KERRY HARRACKSINGH P.O. DARIO PIERRE FIFTH PRECINCT

On 08/12/12 Police Officers Kerry Harracksingh and Dario Pierre responded to a 911 call for a fight involving a stabbing which occurred on Merrick Road in Valley Stream. Upon arrival, both subjects and victim were gone from scene. The Officers obtained the subject's description and registration plate number from witnesses. The victim was located in a nearby establishment having suffered numerous stab wounds and was bleeding profusely. After rendering medical aid to the victim, the Officers observed the subjects vehicle traveling in the area and conducted a VTL stop. During the stop they observed blood on the car and the operator's sneakers, along with a knife in the vehicle with blood on it. When advised that he was under arrest the subject began to fight both officers in an attempt not to be arrested. The subject kicked one Officer in the chest and shoved the other Officer to the ground before they were eventually able to place him in to custody. The subject was charged with Murder 2, CPW, and Resisting.

The Officers fast response and keen observations, while demonstrating tremendous courage while fighting an extremely violent felon before placing him under arrest is why they are being honored as PBA TOP COPS OF THE MONTH.



P.O. KERRY HARRACKSINGH

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2nd Vice-President

by Bob Rettinger

HEALTH AND WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Members Benefit Fund was bargained for and established during the negotiations for the 2013-2015 Contract Extension. The fund was established to assist Full Active Members by providing additional programs and services. In the past the fund has been used to pay for and provide the Legal Services Plan, The Cardiac Imaging Plan, Defensive Driving Classes for members and their family, and the Pension Estimate Program.

With the contractual increase in the fund that we received as of January 2014, the PBA is now able to further assist members with the Health and Wellness Reimbursement Program. This plan entitles all Full Active Members to up to \$150 in reimbursements for any medical and/or wellness related expenses that they or their spouse or children might incur each year. Examples of expenses that will be covered are prescription co-payments, doctors co-payments, and precinct or private gym dues.

Once a member reaches the \$150 maximum reimbursement for the year he/she will need to submit the receipts for the expenses to the PBA Office. When submitting the receipts mark them to the attention of the Benefit Reimbursement Plan. The member will then receive a check for those expenses. If at the end of the year a member has not reached the \$150 maximum, he/she can submit any receipts for covered expenses during the month of December. A check will then be issued for the amount of expenses the member incurred.

LISTING OF MEDICATIONS FOR DRUG TEST

We recently signed an MOA in regards to listing of medications you might be taking when called for a drug test. With this agreement you are no longer required to list any prescription or over the counter medications that you are taking. If a members test subsequently comes back positive he/she will then be required to list any medication you were taking. If they were prescription medications you will then have to produce the prescriptions for those medications.

SICK LEAVE FOR DISCIPLINARY FINES

We were also able to secure an MOA that has to do with the use of accrued sick leave to pay off disciplinary fines. Under this agreement, any member that receives a penalty in satisfaction of disciplinary issues will be able to use sick leave to pay off some of the fine. If a member is fined over 10 days, the member will be allowed to use accrued sick time to pay off half of the fine. Example: If a member is fined 20 days, he/she will be able to use sick time to pay off 10 of the 20 days. For any member that is in the middle of paying off any outstanding fines he/she will be able to use this MOA to satisfy the remainder of his/her fine.



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Dear Dr.

Police Officer is protected by a contractual provision known as "medical review". As part of this process, the Nassau County Police Surgeon will call you to discuss the officer's ability to return to work in a "light duty" capacity. Please be advised that all officers are required to work 10 - 12 hour shifts answering phones and interviewing complainants that enter the station house. If the surgeon articulates any reduced work schedule or special accommodations for your patient, please request that this information be put in writing and submitted to you for agreement before you state your opinion on your patient's ability to work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours, FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

By:

Milan Rada, Esq.

NASSAU COUNTY PBA

JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE

REVIEW FORM

Your PBA is interested in knowing how you feel about your interaction with the District Attorney's Office and the various judges in the court system. If you have had a good or bad experience involving the court system please take the time to complete the following Judicial Review Form and return it to the PBA Office, Attention Bob Rettinger.

These forms will be used to help evaluate the members of the court system. Your input is both needed and greatly appreciated.

NAME:	<u></u>	COMM	AND:	SERIAL #:		
DATE OF COURT	Г:		COURT:			
JUDGE:						
DEMEANOR TO	DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER:					
IMPARTIALITY:						
GENERAL RATIN	IG:					
COMMENTS:						
ASSISTANT I	DISTRICT AT	TORNEY:		·····		
DEMEANOR TO		OFFICER(S):				
CASE PREPARATION:						
WAS ENOUGH TIME PUT INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE?						
WERE YOU CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE?						
WAS YOUR INPUT IN THE CASE AND/OR PLEA BARGAINING USED OR HONORED?						
COMMENTS:						
OVERALL RATING:						
EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNACCEPTABLE		

MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to evaluate members' police surgeons visit and MAO investigation the PBA requests that the following information be provided:

NA	AME	SERIAL#		-
DA	ATE OF APPOINTMENT	COMMAND	_	
SC	HEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT	TIME SEEN		_
I# .				
EX	AMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON)			
M	AO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE)			
1.	Was a medical exam conducted?		Yes	No
2.	What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?)			
3.	Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the example.	mination? (feel for spasm, test for	sensory lo	ess,
	use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you wall etc.)?	0 0	0	
4.	How long did the medical exam take?			
5.	Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty?		Yes	No
6.	Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of y	our position		
	before you were assigned back to full duty?		Yes	No
7.	. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor?			
7a	'a Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations?Yes		No	
8.				
9.	Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and profe	essionally? If not, please provide c	letails	
10.	Were you asked to complete any forms by the Police Surgeon?		Yes No	
	If yes, what forms?			
11.	After completion of any forms, were you asked, ordered or in any w	vay coerced into making		
	any changes on any of the forms?		Yes	No
	If yes what forms?			
12.	Did the Police Surgeon discuss your symptoms, such as pain that yo	ou might have?	Yes	No
	Did you feel that this was a full and complete discussion?		Yes	No
13.	Did the Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor make any suggestions t	hat you seek treatment		
	with any doctors or physical therapists?		Yes	No

If you feel that you were not treated professionally by any of the medical staff of the Police Surgeon's office, or MAO please complete the form and then contact a PBA representative.

Legal Report

By Milan Rada, Esq. and John Hewson, Esq.

There is yet another deadline looming regarding World Trade Center benefits for those who were involved in the rescue, recovery or cleanup operations. The New York State Workers' Compensation Board has extended the deadline for filing notice of participation in the rescue, recovery or cleanup at various sites to September 11, 2014. It is important to file the WTC - 12, Notice of Registration, because potential benefits include medical coverage for conditions which are found related to exposure and monetary compensation if you are no longer able to work because of your exposure to the 9-11 terrorist attacks. The registration form is not a claim for benefits in and of itself, rather it is notification of your presence at the 9-11 site or other designated areas. The "World Trade Center site" is defined as "anywhere below a line starting from the Hudson River and Canal Street; east of Canal Street to Pike Street; south on Pike Street to the East River; and extending to the lower tip of Manhattan."

By filing the registration form you are protecting your right to file a Workers' Compensation claim. You do not have to be sick now or even years from now. This will probably be the last time to register should you become ill due to your exposure or activities and protect yourself should you become ill in the future related to 9-11 rescue, recovery or cleanup. These sites essentially follow the law as set forth in claims for accidental disability WTC presumption benefits provided in Sect. 363g.1.(d)(ii) and (iv).

For Workers' Compensation Benefits there is no time requirement for how long you served at the World Trade Center or any of the other designated sites. Also, the Workers' Compensation Law traces accidental disability WTC presumption disability retirement law in providing a "qualifying condition" defined as "as any of the following diseases or condition[s] resulting from a hazardous exposure during participation in World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations. Some of these qualifying conditions include respiratory disease, diseases of the gastroesophaegeal tract, including reflux disease and psychological difficulties including post-traumatic stress disorder. So, you are emphatically encouraged to file your registration form with the Workers' Compensation Board as soon as possible. Do not delay because if you file late, you will jeopardize very valuable rights.

As you undoubtedly know, the topic of post-traumatic stress disorders and other psychological conditions have been front page news recently. Firefighters and police officers, along with their attorney, "pension consultant" and two other members of an alleged scam ring, have been indicted for allegedly defrauding the Social Security Administration of millions of dollars over a 20 year period. Apparently, all the claims were based on psychological disorders. According to newspaper accounts, applicants were recruited by two members of the scam ring, applications were filled out by the "pension consultant" and the lawyer in the group collected an attorney's fee. News accounts also mentioned kickbacks to the scam artists of amounts ranging from \$10K to \$20K. It appears that all of these applicants were undeservedly awarded Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.

Further, according to news reports, the applicants were coached in feigning their psychiatric disabilities: they were told how to "act" psychiatrically impaired by misspelling simple words, by not remembering three items in a row, by appearing at the Social Security ordered medical examination disheveled and poorly dressed and not looking in the eyes of the examiner, but rather looking at the floor. They were further coached to lie and express the degree of their disability by saying that they were so impaired that they could not leave the house.

The scam was exposed by an inordinate number of these "psychiatrically disabled" applicants applying for gun permits, indicating that there was no psychiatric disability. This, of course, raised a red flag and further investigation followed. The investigators turned to Facebook where they found applicants who claimed they could not leave their houses or that they could not work because of their "psychiatric disabilities," selling pastries at an Italian festival, jet skiing, dancing at a wedding and other activities inconsistent with claims of disability.

An award of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits is subject to review and can be cancelled. If you are disabled and awarded benefits Social Security is an agency continues to maintain ongoing jurisdiction over your claim. Your actions and activities should not be inconsistent with your disabling condition. Deception becomes reality, so if it looks or sounds bad, it's an activity that could get a recipient into trouble. The investigation into the Social Security Disability scam has reached back more than 20 years. The best advice is to take down your Facebook page as soon as you think you might be pursing a disability claim. You cannot control what others may post on your Facebook page or on any other social media.

Another item that bears clarification is the matter of the police department filing disability applications on your behalf. I recently met with a police officer who did not understand how the system worked. You need to know that the police commissioner or another high ranking officer, acting on behalf of the commissioner is authorized to sign and file applications for POD and/or ADR on behalf of a police officer injured in the line of duty. These applications are subject to the very same statutes and regulations as are those that may be filed by the police officer. For example, an application filed by the commissioner must meet the same definition of "accident," the application must be timely filed and the medical evidence must meet the same definitions of disability, permanency and causal relationship. The burden of proof does not change so the applicant must prove the police officer's entitlement. I was also asked whether the application filed by the commissioner receives greater evidentiary weight than an application filed by the police officer. The rationale of the officer I met with was that the filing by the commissioner would be given more favorable treatment by the Retirement System since the Retirement System would consider such application as the police department's concession of the officer's disability. To emphasize, an application filed by either the police officer him/herself or the department is subject to the very same standards and scrutiny by the Retirement System.

I was also questioned as to what happens if a claim for either ADR or POD, or both, is denied. The short answer is that since the claim(s) is based on a line of duty injury, the officer cannot be fired because of the safety net provided by Section 207-c of the General Municipal Law. Pursuant to section 207-c, the police officer must be paid by Nassau County his regular salary or wages until his disability arising from the line of duty event has ended or the police officer is retired on a disability pension. Also, this section of the law requires the municipality to pay for all medical treatment and hospital care due to the injuries or illnesses causally related to the accident. Section 207-c also provides certain rights to the employer: the right to file disability applications on behalf of the police officer and the right to have the police officer examined from time to time to determine whether that police officer is fit for full or restricted duty. If the police officer is deemed fit for either restricted or full duty and the police officer fails to avail him/herself of the assignment, then benefits under 207-c will be discontinued.

We are still researching the issue of what happens to an application for disability filed by the commissioner, and prior to a decision by the Retirement System, the commissioner is forced to resign.

If you have any questions regarding claims for disability retirement from the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, Veterans' Benefits or third party negligence claims, please do not hesitate to contact the official PBA Disability Lawyers at 516.496.0400, ext 4413 or by e-mail at mrada@fbrlaw.com.



First Precinct

By Maureen Mazur

Happy New Year everyone! Sorry for the lack of a newsletter last month, it kind of t the due date!

creeped up past the due date!

Welcome to the precinct our new 9 new police officers: Gary Butt, Tom Frederico, Dominic Padolecchia, Sean Conroy, Sean Keefe, Chris Digregorio, Scott Panzarino, Anthony Soehngen and Craig Wulff. 20 year olds back in the precinct, it's been a long while! Also welcome back to the 1st pct transfer Rick Janotha, who did a stint here like 10 years ago. Lost 12 police officers this year due to transfers and retirements, got 10 police officers, this summer should be very interesting to say the least. Hope everyone likes to work and good luck to the bosses who have to tackle those roll calls!

Thanks to all the Police Officers that stepped up to work the family holidays. Although some people did get ordered in, it wasn't as much due to people stepping up! Happy retirement to former 1st precinct officers/bosses/detectives – Bill Barry, Jamie Paterson, Jimmy Cordara and our former boss of many years Rick Capece.

Rick Capece was a great boss to work for and with, a 1st pct boss to the core! Capece used to prepare (himself) a luncheon for the staff of the 1st pct to show his appreciation for the all the hard work everyone did. He is an amazing cook/chef! The crossing guards still talk about it to this day. You will be sorely missed, personally by me and everyone else in the 1st pct who had the pleasure of working with you! Enjoy your retirement all of you!

IS IT TRUE THAT.....

Buttacavoli watches the Real Housewives shows with his wife?

Olnowich took off his winter coat to donate a box of coats to the poor and mistakenly grabbed his own coat and threw it in the bin.

WHAT P.O.....

Has the PBA delegates on speed dial and his phone and calls the PBA for EVERYTHING?

Inventoried the cereal for the arrestees by brand?

Tried to call 999-9999 for Buttacavoli for OT and couldn't understand why it wasn't working?

Constantly starts rumors just to stir things up?

WHAT ROOKIE.....

When working inside had to repeat his name 3 times because the person on the phone didn't believe he was giving a real name?

WHAT BOSS.....

Has his own action figure?

Is referred to as "Daddy Dearest"? No stapled notes to roll calls!

Tried to fill his car tire with a bicycle pump?

CONGRATS

To PO's Faivre and Farley on their transfer to ESU. Tricia Tortoso on the birth of her daughter Callie. Mike Leone and his wife on the birth of their son Nicholas.

Second Precinct

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THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Most over used movie songs Which song do we hear way too much?

Bad To The Bone Walking On Sunshine Born To Be Wild Oh Yeah Sweet Home Alabama Somewhere Over The Rainbow

THE RANGE

Last month I went to the range and I have to give credit where credit is due; it looks pretty good down there. It was clean, it had that new range smell and to top it off everything worked. We shot the snot load of bullets and no one got a lead refund – Who Knew? As for the range dudes their lead exposure appears to less of a problem/risk however time will tell. So be prepared to shoot and shoot some more, bring your vest/mask/eye/ear protection and all your handguns.

BEEF'S WIKIPEDIA

If you google Beef's Wikipedia you'll find a new definition Venting - Ranting Gibberish. I call it "Schibberish" and when it boils up and blows outward I call it getting "Shnyiderized"

Now all funning aside - this freeze has to stop before my favorite 216 operator blows a "O" ring. The level of frustration here cannot be measured or for that matter accurately put into words, ergo you get "Schibberish" If your guessing my point here is - when your paycheck gets a bump in it - then and only then - will you know a deal has been reached you'd be right because everything else inbetween is just Schibberish.



Third Precinct

by Bill Purcell

NOT VERY ETHICAL

At the end of December, Ed Mangano released a request for proposal for a consultant who will review the department's ethics, rules, policies and training. What a complete waste of taxpayer money. Mangano is hiring someone to look into the ethics in the midst of allot of shady stuff going on in his own administration? Does this guy have any mirrors in his house?

Has he already forgotten the controversy surrounding Looks Great Tree Service who landed a 70 million dollar contract during Hurricane Sandy for debris removal? Coincidentally, Looks Great Tree Service donated \$17,000 to the Republican re-election campaign. Twenty two other companies were also awarded contracts during the storm and those companies donated a combined amount of \$145,000 to the republican re-election campaign in the weeks after the storm. **NOT VERY ETHICAL**

Recently, Mangano gave raises totaling \$800,000 to nonunion employees during the wage freeze. He said that he was told that the freeze doesn't apply to non-union employees. He said that the raises were necessary to keep the best employees. Does that mean that he doesn't think the county employees that are in a union, aren't the best? The reality is that Mangano, George Maragos and Kathleen Rice thought the raises would go unnoticed and their friends would be laughing all the way to the bank. They were wrong, people noticed. Mangano then has the audacity to change everyone's job titles to justify his little scam. He said that those employees have taken on additional duties. Well big Ed, I know allot of cops who work the desk of your merged precincts who would make the case that they have taken on additional duties, should they be expecting raises ?, I'm pretty sure they wouldn't mind you changing their job titles from Police Officers to Public Assistant/ Human resource Officers. **NOT VERY ETHICAL**

In 2013 Deputy County Executive and Head of The Bethpage Republican Club, Robbie Walker, purchased a skybox at MetLife stadium with alleged campaign funds. The Hicksville Republican Club saw a spike in donations after Walker was appointed. Donations reached \$363,355 in 2010, a 10-fold increase from its average donations in the years preceding Walker's appointment, according to a complaint filed by Nassau County Democratic leader Jay Jacobs. It sure sounds a little fishy. **NOT VERY ETHICAL**

Commissioner Thomas Dale (appointed by Mangano) who, at the urging of Gary Melius (good friend of Mangano, owner of Oheka Castle and a politically connected donor) personally directed officers to arrest a key witness in a case connected to the county executive race. Melius was accused of paying the witness, a Roosevelt resident, \$1.25 per signature to get Former Freeport Mayor Andrew Hardwick onto the ballot for County Executive, so that he would siphon minority votes from Tom Suozzi and help Mangano win his re-election. **NOT VERY ETHICAL**

GYM DUES

Yes, another year of gym dues. I meant to put this in last month's news article while everyone's New Years resolutions were still fresh in their minds. I hope I haven't lost some potential members already. The dues are only \$50 for the year. You can give your dues to Bill Purcell, Jon Panuthos or Tommy Shevlin. We will accept cash or checks made payable to the Third Precinct Gym Club. You can also put your checks in one of our folders. Please do not leave cash in our folders.

If you are a full PBA member, I will be submitting your names to the PBA office who will hold in credit for each paid gym member a \$50 credit towards the \$150 Health and Wellness Reimbursement plan which started on Jan 1st of this year.

PAUL MAXWELL RETIRES

Paul Maxwell retired on January 9th after 28 years of service. Paul has spent his whole career in the Third Precinct and most of it in the same car. He was a fixture in Westbury and will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him. I wish him a long and healthy retirement.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We experimented with a new venue this year and had our party at The Space in Westbury, and it paid off. Everyone that attended loved the venue. A couple of factors made this such a good party. If you don't have good food and good music, you probably won't have a good party, we had both.

The food was catered by Vincent's Clam Bar and was delicious. The entertainment was provided by our very own Greg Mausner (AKA DJ Dangerouso) who not only provided Music, but provided entertainment. (C'mon, we all knew Greg was entertaining way before that night). He was outstanding and I would like to thank him for helping us out. We had a pretty good turnout, but I'm hoping for a much bigger party next year. Thanks to all who attended.



Brian Engelhardt, Brian McQuade, Pete Paterson, Bill Purcell, Mike Covais, Tom Shevlin and David Re at Mike's last day get together.

NEW GUYS

We got nine new cops from the first academy class in a very long time. Congratulations guys and welcome to the Third Precinct. It takes a long time to become proficient on this job. Take it slow and ask questions, we are all here to help you get through the day or night.

TOP COP (AUGUST 2013) POLICE OFFICER MOHIT ARORA

In the early morning hours of Wednesday August 14th, 2013, a 911 call was received for a burglary in progress. The homeowner and his wife were hiding in their home and stated to the 911 operator, that there was someone in their house, the 911 operator lost contact with the victims at this time. Officers Mohit Arora and Eugene Dolan were first to arrive and they observed a male dressed in black clothing, holding two bags, walking away from the burglary location. As Officer Arora and Dolan exited their vehicles to confront the subject on foot, the subject immediately dropped the bags and ran from the scene. Officer Arora and Dolan gave chase and quickly caught up to the subject. The subject quickly turned and fired multiple shots, striking Officer Arora with one of them. Officer Arora collapsed as Officer Dolan dove for cover from the subjects' gunfire. Officer Dolan quickly recovered and rendered aid to Officer Arora. Officer Kenneth Ritter arrived on scene. Officers Ritter and Dolan exchanged gun fire with the subject as he fled the scene and scaled a fence into a school yard. Officer Dolan and Ritter stayed with

Officer Arora and rendered further first aid. Officer Dolan transmitted the description and direction of the armed subject. With the assistance of responding officers, Officer Arora was transported to the hospital.

Third Precinct plain clothes Officers Basil Gomez and Vincent Logiudice responded from the 3rd Squad, where they had been processing an arrest, and arrived on scene within minutes. Officer Ritter pointed to where the fleeing subject had gone. After assessing the situation, Gomez and Logiudice determined which backstreets the subject was most likely to re-merge onto from the school yard. Officers Gomez and Logiudice, having correctly calculated the subjects escape route, came upon him on one of the side streets in the vicinity of the school. The Officers exited their vehicles and encountered the subject, who produced a handgun and pointed it at the Officers. Officer Gomez and Logiudice, while running towards the armed subject, began firing their weapons. The subject fell to the ground, but quickly recovered and took off running, leaving his firearm where he had fallen. As Officers turned the corner in foot pursuit they lost sight of the subject and began to search the area.

Fifth Precinct Patrol Officer John Wellenreuther was first on scene to assist Gomez and Logiudice and with the aid of his RMP's spotlight, uncovered the subject hiding under a parked vehicle. The subject took off again, fleeing into a rear yard where Officer Gomez, Logiudice and Wellenreuther quickly cornered and confronted the subject who violently resisted the officers. After a brief struggle, the subject was placed into custody.

Police Officer Patrick Bergin, while these events were taken place, was canvassing the area and did come into contact with the shooters accomplice and placed him under arrest without incident.

TOP COP (OCTOBER 2013) POLICE OFFICER CHARLES JAVOROWSKY

On September 22, 2013 at 1530 hrs. Officers Javorowsky and Taglia respond to an aided case for a male who had been shot. The officers verified that a male had been shot and killed and was lying in the roadway. Officer Javorowsky was able to secure video of the scene from a nearby business which showed a possible suspect that he was able to identify to the Third Squad Detectives.

On September 25, 2013, Officer Javorowsky was assigned to RMP321 and was in the vicinity of Upland St. and Oxford St., Westbury, canvassing for a suspicious vehicle that was reported in the area. Officer Javorowsky observed the subject from the State Street homicide walking on Upland Street. Officer Javorowsky contacted the Third Squad Detectives and was advised that the subject was wanted in connection with the homicide. Officer Javorowsky requested assistance and did place the subject under arrest.

Officer Javorowsky's keen observations resulted in the arrest of the defendant who was charged with violation of PL 125.25 (1) Murder 2ND

TOP COP (NOVEMBER 2013) POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH MASSARO

On Tuesday October 22, 2013 at approximately 1347 hrs., Officer Massaro, while on patrol on Ring Road in East Garden City, did observe a white BMW with Georgia plates. Officer Massaro conducted a NYSPIN check and discovered that the registration was expired. Officer Massaro conducted a traffic stop where the driver, who appeared extremely nervous produced a Pennsylvania Driver's License. The paperwork the defendant produced identified the vehicle as having a suspended registration. The driver stated that he had just cleared up the suspension. When asked who owned the vehicle the defendant stated that he owned the vehicle, although it was not registered to the driver. The defendant was then asked several questions regarding where he was going to and coming from. The defendant became increasingly nervous as he struggled for answers. Officer Massaro observed a large box on the seat of the vehicle with a shipping label addressed to the defendant. Officer Massaro asked what was in the package and the defendant stated that it was clothing sent from his uncle.

Officer Massaro suspected that the box may have contained drugs and requested K9. Officer Lasala responded with K9 Jax who alerted on the package. The package was opened and contained approximately 50 lbs. of a greenish brown leaf like substance believed to be marijuana. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the 3rd Squad for arrest processing.

The defendant was charged with violation of PL 221.30 Criminal Possession of Marijuana 1st.

GO HOME SAFE, ITS ALL THAT MATTERS

Fourth Precinct

By Greg O'Neill

"WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS!"

We are frozen but "non-union employees" have been given raises under the Mangano administration? Raises that range from \$5,000 to \$35,000. These people are that essential? Obviously, the Police Department does not fall under the category of being essential. What is even worse is that NIFA is providing the loophole for the county by stating that NIFA cannot freeze salaries for title changes. Expect King Ed to continue on with these unnecessary increases during a bitter wage freeze by changing the titles of all these employees so they can maintain their raise. This is clear evidence that the people who run the county and oversee the finances do not care about the police force. They already think you and I are overpaid and they do not care how many days or nights you have to work. In this county rules apply to some and not to others.

Speaking of rules, who requires the ethics consultant: the police or the hierarchy? Recently, Dale resigns or gets

fired, other top officials leave during a scandal and Mangano still sits upon his throne. We can all make an educated guess and say that Dale did not come up with that idea. So who is responsible? What are the repercussions for such actions? To date I have not heard anything. We know the civilian involved is now suing and I am sure he will win. More taxpayer dollars will be wasted due to poor decision-making and dirty politics. Newsday was quick to report the story but following that it has painted the picture that Dale gave into the "Nassau way." Newsday describes the police department as a life of corruption, with scandals and misuse of power that Dale could not resist because he was surrounded by it and his hands were tied. Maybe for once Newsday is right. The hierarchy of this job have had problems. In the last couple of years, some of the most serious allegations and crimes involving personnel from this department have been tied to high-ranking positions. Who is monitoring them? Why do they get a free pass? Anytime these appointed police officials involve themselves in these negative activities it sheds a horrible light on the entire department. If you or I were involved in any of this nonsense we would be crucified.

An order has been cut for an inspections unit. It is unclear what role this until will play in our department. If it is to discipline the members then get ready. NYPD East is back. Polish your shoes, embrace your traffic vest, trim your "Luke Perry" side burns and "Hulkamania" stache, and make sure your shield is on your outer garment because a supervisor wearing a sweatshirt over his or her department uniform, or a white shirt with sleeves rolled up, with no tie and department pants, is going to reprimand you! They are requesting supervisors for this position. Who will be monitoring the supervisors? More importantly who will monitor the appointed police officials? Why is it always the PBA members who need oversight?



Fifth Precinct

By Joe Nocella pbanewsletter@yahoo.com

EPIC PROPORTIONS

Does it ever end??? The level of arrogance in County government has reached levels of epic proportions. Not only did Ed Mangano dole out 800k in raises to a select group of appointees, he actually said they were given their raises because they are not unionized. If that doesn't reek of impropriety, then I don't know what does. He then said the appointees deserve their raises because they took on additional duties because he "consolidated and downsized government" ... HELLO! PRECINCT CLOSURE OVER HERE!!! The only thing keeping me bursting into a profanity riddled tirade is the Commissioner might take issue with it ... What's that? He had to resign under accusations of abuse of power? Well ain't that a son of a #@!%!!! Scratch one appointee off the raise list.

NO THEY DID NOT!

When I heard the Long Island Ducks asked A-Rod to play for them after being suspended from pro ball, I thought to myself, that has got to be the most RIDICULOUS thing I've ever heard ... Then someone told me the County asked Ray Kelly to play for our team ... Kinda drops the A-Rod thing down to #2, doesn't it.

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN

It's January, everyone has picked their paybacks, and while we're all working them now, overtime is still through the roof. So what happens in March when the paybacks are finished? And they thought the 2013 numbers were big ...

TROSKO HAS ENTERED THE BUILDING

Congratulations to Paul Trosko on his election to the post of fifth precinct Delegate. Anyone who volunteers to get involved in this mess is OK in my book. Welcome aboard Paul.

TOP COPS

Congratulations to Rob Psomas and Barry Bausch on being voted fifth precinct Top Cops for October of 2013. Here's the scenario ...

Rob and Barry go to a house in Lakeview to pick up a subject wanted on multiple felony warrants including Burglary, Grand Larceny, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Resisting, Criminal Impersonation and a partridge in a pair tree. The officers arrive, the subject takes off and a foot pursuit ensues ... A lengthy foot pursuit. The subject returns home, that's right, you cannot make this stuff up, and after a struggle, is placed into custody. Nice job guys.

Congratulations to Sergeant Lukas Gubba, Kevin Vargas and Benny Jacob on being voted Top Cops for November of 2013. Here's the scenario ...

Sgt. Gubba observes a large fight in the Home Depot parking lot in Elmont. Three subjects were observed violently kicking and punching an unidentified victim. Sgt. Gubba requests assistance, and upon arrival, the fight was broken up and two subjects were placed under arrest. A third subject took off on foot. Following a foot pursuit and violent struggle, the third subject was placed into custody ... But not before Kevin sustained an injury to his knee. During the course of the melee, the victim also fled in fear of his safety and could not be located. He was however identified by proceeds at the scene, as the incident was actually a robbery. All three subjects were found to be wanted by the NYPD for multiple crimes including Robbery and Assault 1.

FIFTH PRECINCT PRIDE HITS THE ROAD

Going on a trip? Take your fifth precinct coin wherever it is you go. This month's destinations ... Camp Leatherneck, Afganistan, then a bit closer to home ... The ice at Madison Square Garden. Thanks to Samir Hussain who was deployed overseas and Brian Ferrucci Jr. who took the MSG shots. The MSG shots were taken during the recent renovations at the Garden. The coin was placed between the freezing elements, under the red line at center ice ... VERY COOL!







Sixth Precinct by Ed Conroy

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday December 14, 2013 the Sixth Precinct Kids Christmas

party was held. Year after year this is one of the largest attended social functions that occur. It's nice to hear that everyone's children look forward to it. Of course, our special guest Santa Claus was a big hit and even some of the adults got into the festivities. Before you know it we will be planning this year's picnic, stay tuned.



TOP COP NOVEMBER 2013

Police Officer Konstantinos Anastasis assigned to post 612 and on routine patrol received an assignment for a possible assault in the Village of Thomaston. Upon arrival at scene Officer Anastasis located a male victim who had a stab wound. Officer Anastasis updated radio on the assignment and an ambulance and further assistance was already enroute to his location. He gathered information from the victim on the subject, who was known to the victim, the vehicle he left scene in and a notification was broadcasted. When assistance arrived and the victim was being cared for, Officer Anastasis began to canvas the area for the subject. Officer Anastasis located the subjects vehicle traveling west bound on Northern Blvd in Great Neck not far from where the assault occurred. He conducted a stop of the vehicle and interviewed the occupant. The subject made several res gestae statements and a show up was conducted with the subject being positively identified. The weapon used in the assault was recovered and the subject was taken into custody. It is because of Officer Anastasis's quick response, keen observation and investigative skills that this subject was located and arrested a short time after the crime occurred and it is because of these actions that he is named our Sixth Precinct Top Cop for November 2013.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Craig Beatty and Brooke Edwards on the birth of their daughter Leah Melody Beatty born on December 11, 2013 and was 7 lbs 6 oz and 20 1/2 inches long.

TRANSFERS

Good luck to Frank Mancini on his transfer to Aviation and to Mike Calfayan on his transfer to the Seventh Precinct. I know that this has been something that you both have been wanting for a while and we wish you the best.

Welcome back to Anthony Cracchiolo. You can always come home to the Sixth.

TOP COP INFO

The Precinct Top Cop Committee needs your help. It is more important now than ever with the merger that we get information from someone involved or someone who knows the info so we can recognize the officers involved. Sometimes the narrative in the case or arrest report doesn't relay the whole story or there are times when we are not aware of a certain event so please contact us. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to Sgt Shea the committee Supervisor, Glenn Demeo, Carlos Rivera or Ed Conroy.



OPEN MEETING

The PBA monthly open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month with the next meeting being held on February 20th. Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, stay safe.

Seventh Precinct

by Tom O'Reilly

The beat goes on, in January the PBA's attorneys filed our Article 78 briefs with justice Diamond, as of this writing we are still awaiting the county and NIFA to file theirs. The attorneys have not given a timeline as to when a decision would be rendered, but rest assure that which ever side loses they will most certainly appeal the lower court decision. I believe also that there is an appeal of the appeal, only prolonging this lawsuit further down the road.

March 2014 will be 3 years completed that the county employees have been frozen, thus far PBA members have missed 3 steps, and 4 contract raises. The county 4 year plan submitted to Nifa does not include reinstating the steps and raises, this administration could care less the impact this wage freeze has had on its employees. That was evident when it was reported by Newsday that the Mangano administration had given its non union employees substantial raises across the board. Mangano gave the reason that the county has reduced its head count and those employees are taking on additional responsibilities. What a crock! How about all the other county workers taking on more responsibilities and doing more work because of the reduced head count.

Nifa's Chairman Jon Kaiman responded that the opinion of Nifa and its staff, is that the freeze was to be applied to all employees, but that the county may of figured out a loophole to give raises to these employees. Title changes, that's the way around this pesty old freeze, let's just give all the nonunion employees new titles and we can give them raises. Let me just say that I have nothing against the employees who received the raises, I will never begrudge anyone from getting a raise and making more money, that is the american way. I do begrudge the way the employer handed out the wage increases, and this should show the union work force how much this administration really thinks of its employees. Thanks, Ed!

I would like to thank Jay and Karin Kogan for taking over the reigns of the kids xmas party. They did a wonderful job, and added some new activities to the party. If you have young children and never been to the party you really should try to make it, for \$20 bucks you can't beat it. Once again our thanks to Jay and Karin.

Stay Safe.

Notes From The ESU Corner

by Clarence Hudson III

Sorry about missing last month's column. Reading through the local media recently one would think this is the worst Police Department in the world. Seven straight days of coverage and the best they could come up with is that there are some police officers that did something wrong. Out of 2,200 people I guess there will be some people who will have done wrong. But to insinuate that morale is affected at least to me is ridiculous. The majority of the Police Officers on this job perform their jobs with great pride and integrity. The lack of resources and a pay freeze do more to affect morale than anything else. Also, if your articles are about a police discipline problem why is each person's salary or pension being highlighted? All I can say is it seems as if they don't like our salaries or benefits. Even after a pay freeze. It couldn't be because they are anti union could it? I mean this is the same organization that after their own drivers voted down a contract they were going to start laying people off. They had to vote and passed a contract that calls for a close to 25% reduction of the drivers AND out sources some of that work to a non union entity. No mention of that in the paper. All county unions are under a wage freeze that to date has saved the county over 240 million dollars, the county has had an increase in sales tax collections above their budget projections and there has been an almost 100 million dollar increase in fees collected. Yet the budget is barely balanced if at all. Where is the big investigative report on that? Just makes you want to change your cable company and read something else. Oh well.

Now for some ESU news. By the time this comes out two of our finest officers will have walked off into the sunset. Together no less. Sgt. Richard Doerler and P.O. Robert Blum are both retiring on January 23rd.

When I came to ESU I had the distinct pleasure of being doubled up with Richie. He was extremely knowledgeable and always helpful. Let's not forget that he was also a complete gentleman. Although he could argue with you just a little. Anyway he became a supervisor, left us and came back as an ESU supervisor. It was still the same Richie. I am sure the First Pct. guys and girls feel the same. This is both a tremendous personal and professional loss for this job. But after 32 years on the job you have earned your retirement. May you enjoy many years of health and happiness in the future. Hopefully Kathy can take you being around the house just a little bit more.

As for Bobby Blum. He got hurt and is leaving. This is a guy who was dedicated to being an ESU cop. Every single call that came in got Bob's undivided attention. Good or bad he was and quite frankly still is dedicated to this job. This job can ill afford to lose people with Bob's knowledge and dedication. But that is what is happening and there are no replacements coming. Bob was a guy who was always willing to help and impart his knowledge to us newbie's. If we paid attention we probably learned something. This job's loss is hopefully Bob's gain as he can finally relax (yeah right) a little. Bob we hardly knew you. Let's also mention that we are losing a Medal of Valor recipient, Sgt. Doerler, and a recipient of the Medal of Distinguished service, P.O. Blum, and numerous other medals and awards. We will not see two finer individuals in our careers. Examples for others to follow. God Bless you both in your retirement. See you all next month.

Emergency Ambulance Bureau

by A.M.T. Arnie Katz

The new year has settled in and I hope that we're all sticking with those resolutions we've all made! Yeah, I know, it was over by mid January.

The weather has been bipolar to say the least. The ground is frozen and we've been dealing with many slip and fall aided's. Please be careful out there, ask for extra help on aided cases when needed for lifting and moving patients outdoors.

While on the subject of cold weather, I'd like to offer some important information regarding exposure to the cold, some signs and symptoms and what you can do to help yourself and others.

"FROST NIP VS. FROST BITE"

Frost nip is a milder form of exposure to the cold and it is what we commonly deal with ourselves when outside working. It's generally recognized by slight tingling, or numbness in the affected area, with the skin becoming pale. The best way to treat frost nip is to simply cover the exposed parts and remove from the cold environment. Most importantly, avoid brisk rubbing of the hands and such as it can cause tissue damage.

Frost bite is a much more serious condition and almost always requires medical intervention. Signs and symptoms include numbness, with the skin turning white or yellow in color. The victim may complain of severe pain and throbbing in the area and they may also appear to lack coordination. While awaiting EMS, you can help by removing any wet clothing and covering with blankets. It is important to not allow partial thawing and refreezing. Also, limit the patient's movement, unless there are other life threatening issues. Again, as in frost nip, do not rub the affected area. This patient requires gentle and safe ambulance transport and definitive hospital treatment.

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE MEDICS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Nassau County Police Medics Association is the benevolent arm of our unit. Its purpose is to support the good and welfare of the membership and to raise public awareness of who we are and how our profession personnel benefit the community we serve. Please visit our website at www.nassaucountypma.com or "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ ncpolicemedics.

POLICE MEDICS ASSOCIATION SANTA RUN

On December 20, 2013, The Nassau County Police Medic Association travelled to local hospitals to bring smiles, teddy bears, and toys to the pediatric patients on the pediatric floors and in the emergency rooms. They visited Nassau University Medical Center, South Nassau Communities Hospital, and Winthrop University Hospital. They brought cookie platters for the ER staff, and left toys and games on the units for the children. At NUMC, County Executive Ed Mangano joined them, as well as the Nassau County Chief of Police Skrynecki. Chief Skrynecki came up to the 18th floor to help deliver toys to the children with Santa. Smiles were brought to everyone's face after seeing Santa, Mrs. Claus, Tigger, Frosty the snowman, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, the elves, and the Nassau County Police Medics coming down the halls spreading holiday cheer!







Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

For some reason I think I'm in a better mood starting the new year. Maybe it's because I got up this morning which at my age is an accomplishment to begin with. We'll see as the year goes by.

As per my usual request I'd like to invite all veterans, male and female to join our Post. If not our Post in particu-

lar, become part of a veteran organization that works to see to the care and welfare of all veterans.

With the changing of the guard in the department we are not sure if we can continue the "Top Cop Program" that went over so very well in 2013. It would be a shame because the recipients of our awards seemed very pleased with the way the prizes were awarded and the atmosphere of the ceremony. Let's hope the new regime will continue or consider this program.

There may be some changes in our Post as well. We are still looking for a new commander but with the lack of attendance of our membership there is surely limit to advancing of the position. I am willing to act as commander "pro tem" and aid anyone that is interested in serving. There are a few questions or suggestions that may come up in the near future. Should we expand the field of officers to increase our membership? We now have one member from the court officers who has been with us for twenty-three years. We are looking to open and recruit new members from that organization. We could also reach out to correction officers. All are dedicated to the welfare and safety at our courts and the people that come though there day after day. Personally I'd like to see us offer membership to the department's AMT's. While on the job and working outside they were always a godsend especially at serious accidents and aided cases. All these changes would have to be done though by-law amendments and would have to have the support of our active members. That is why I would like to have better attendance at our monthly meetings. The seven or eight faithful members that now attend each meeting can't make these decisions by themselves.

As you can see I'm rather upbeat for the beginning of the year. Let's see if I can keep the same rosy outlook in the coming months. Meetings are held at the Bellmore Post 948, Royale Street, Bellmore, NY. Meetings begin at 2000 hours and refreshments are served.



ARPO by Bob Livoti

The 2014 dues notices along with our 2014 calendar, cards and decals were mailed out

and the dues payments are still coming in. A second dues notice will be mailed out to those who still haven't paid their dues. You can help us avoid double mailing costs by getting your dues payment in on time. Remember that if you are not a member in good standing, you are not eligible for the death benefit.

By the time you read this, the 2014 Nassau Blue Reunion will be history and if you didn't attend, you lost out on another great reunion. Our March newsletter will feature photos from the reunion.

The PBA is in a drive for members to cancel their Newsday and cablevision accounts and switch over to Verizon FIOS. You wouldn't believe the bashing Newsday has been giving the cops in Nassau and Suffolk the past month. It's almost like a vendetta against all the cops. They are so blindly one side it's a shame. They never stop bashing the cops. They should report on the politicians and how they are ripping off the public instead. If you haven't signed up to receive the PBA e-mail notifications, go online and sign up for them now. Go to https://www.nassaupba.org/behindthe-badge and sign up.

More provisions of the NYS Safe Act went into effect in January and are really putting the screws to lawful holders of gun permits by requiring all sales of ammunition to be through a registered gun dealer and done face to face. The problem with the new requirements is that the dealers are charging an exorbitant price to do a background check on the buyer and the new law requires a background check for the purchase of one round or one thousand rounds of ammunition. Another Cuomo slap in the face to all lawful gun owners.

Are you carrying heading south for the winter and want to carry your firearm? If you have been certified under HR218, you are ok. If not, your NYS Carry Permit is not good in other states because New York does not recognize other states carry permits. If you want to get certified under HR218, go to the ARPO web site where you will find a link for HR218 certification and a 10% discount for ARPO members taking the course.

Please remit your ARPO dues payment now. A timely dues payment will assist us in not having to send out reminders and incur extra mailing costs and extra work. *Remember if you are a snowbird, the post office will not forward your newsletter. In order to have your newsletter follow you south, you must notify us of your new address prior to the 15th of the previous month you are moving.* Don't wait to the last minute to notify us of your address change. I try and keep up with your address changes by having both addresses on file so all you have to do is give me the date you are heading south.



Police Emerald Society, Nassau County, NY www.ncpdemerald.org Tom DeSane reporting

Brrrrrrr! It has been a very cold winter so far. Look on the bright side, next month it will all be over. Our society has some great events planned starting very soon and lasting the entire year.

Our Membership renewal mailing went out in early January. If you have not received a renewal yet, please contact us at ncpdemerald@yahoo.com or come to our meeting on the 19th so we can correct the error.

Our 200 Club Raffle Party was held on January at The Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale. All who attended had a great time, especially the winners. Thanks to Mike Pitcher for once again running a great party. Our society will once again be participating in the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Monday, March 17th. We will be holding our annual Party after the parade at Mulcahy's in Wantagh. We will be providing more information in next month's article about the party, our Pipe Band's Breakfast, and transportation to the parade. We will also keep up to date info posted on our website and facebook page.

Our society is also planning to participate in the Farmingdale Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 23rd. Stay tuned to our website and facebook page for further details on the parade and activities following the parade.

This month's meeting will be held on the 19th. Our monthly meetings are held at 8pm on the third Wednesday of each month, excluding July and August, at Peppercorn's in Hicksville and are free for our members to attend. Nonmembers are welcome to attend and sign up at the meeting.

Stay tuned for updates. Remember, up to date information on all events and additional information, including important notifications, membership applications, flyers and photos of all our events can be found on our regularly updated website: www.ncpdemerald.org. You can also check us out on facebook.

Something to remember: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." – Abraham Lincoln. STAY SAFE.

The Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County

by Neil J. Delargy

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Police Holy Name Society, I sincerely hope 2013 was a year of peace and happiness for you and your family.

I am pleased to report that our member's continued dedication and support resulted in several worthy accomplishments in 2013. We awarded five scholarships to members' children. We were able to offer assistance to police officers and their families during special emergencies. We provided needy families with the funds necessary to enjoy a nourishing holiday dinner during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We once again hosted our Annual Retreat and our Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast, which were outstanding successes. The efforts of our members and the dues collected make each of these achievements possible. Your continued support is deeply appreciated and goes a long way.

This past year the Society sponsored a religious pilgrimage to Italy. This intrepid group of travelers enjoyed an educational, spiritual and safe journey through many of the important Catholic sites of Italy; concluding with an up-close public audience with Pope Francis. The arrangements were flawless and the plan is to travel on another exciting adventure in November 2015.

I encourage you to participate in the activities and events planned for 2014. Our Eighty-second Anniversary Mass and Communion Breakfast is Sunday, April 6, 2014 at St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, RVC. The Mass begins at 8:00 am and breakfast will follow at The Knight's of Columbus Hall 2985 Kenneth Pl., Oceanside. Kids are welcome so please bring the entire family. Our Annual Police Retreat, with a new location, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, begins on April 7, 2014. Please call Fred Seiling at (516) 352-8957 for more details. Please consider joining us at one of our upcoming monthly meetings. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August), at The Fields, 1640 Northern Boulevard, Muttontown, NY. Food and beverages are served.

Your annual membership application is enclosed. Membership is \$20.00 per year. We have enclosed a raffle ticket for \$5.00 with winners to be drawn at our June meeting. (Also consider the NCPD Federal Credit Union direct payment method, access the Credit Union website and follow the link for Fraternal Organizations)

Please complete the enclosed application and forward it along with your raffle tickets and remittance made payable to Police Holy Name Society, 1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY, 11501. If you wish, you may use the enclosed return envelope and forward it through departmental mail.

Thank you for your continued support.





The county finally graduated a new class of police officers at the very end of 2013. A small class of about 30 officers. Coming straight out of the academy, spending months of running around the Massapequa Preserves. In shape. A perfect opportunity to infuse the club with new members. But talking to a few of them while out on field training it seems the last thing they want to do is continue running. Over 23 years later after entering the academy I still continue to run. A few people in my graduating class continue running as well but most do not. It's not that difficult to spot people on this job who just don't take care of themselves physically. Still smoking? Really? And you pick the state that has the highest cigarette prices in the country to do it in? The average price of cigarettes is about 12 dollars. Add that up if you are lucky enough to be just a pack a week smoker and by year's you could have paid for a gym membership and gotten a lot more out of it for your money. The PBA is making it easy too by giving active union members a \$150 rebate if you sustain a gym membership throughout the year and submit a receipt in December. It seems like a no brainer.

With people talking about retiring and pensions why wouldn't you want to maintain a healthy lifestyle throughout your career and not just start one after you retire. You can brag about your pension but what good is it if you don't live long enough to enjoy it?

The Running Club membership is just \$25. You can download a membership form at our website or email me for one. We also maintain a Facebook face for race updates and club info.

The NY State Winter series took place last month. Only one race occurred before I had to submit this article. Lesli Hiller won her age group at the Heckscher State Park 5k. Also running were Michelle Dipaolo, Roy Geir, Michael Yowhan and Dave Colleti.

Upcoming Races:

Feb 8th Run Nassau 5k Old Bethpage

15 Bethpage 3 x 2 mile relay Bethpage State Park

22 Joe Latino 4 x 2 mile relay Sunken Meadow Park

23 Runners Edge Fun Runs Farmingdale

Retired Column

By John Nosovitch

RICHARD BOLTON blackbart131@yahoo.com HI John and family, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I enjoy reading the Newsletter each month, your retired column is the Best. I retired 26 years ago, I had joined the Department in September of 1962. I worked with so many Police Officers, in the 3rd Pct., HPB, 7th Pct. and last assignment to the DA's office working with the DA. I worked with Jim Busk, Tom Wilson, all great guys.. I hope they are all well and enjoying life. If some guys have funny tales to tell.(True Stories) Please send them to me. Rich

MARIO FURNO..... BigM121@aol.com 2013 is over. Hard to believe that I am now in my 26th year of Retirement. I guess I am beating the system. Unfortunately, 2013 was not a very good year. A few more of my fellow team mates have gone to their maker. I started to loose weight, then became sick and put most of the weight back on. I went to New York during the year and stopped in to the retired First Precinct breakfast and knew only 6 members. The realization hit me that there were retired personal that came onto the job after I retired. It really had me thinking how old I am getting. The only reunion I can go to and see police officers I knew from the job is Nassau Blue and now that the organizers are getting older and the younger guys are not stepping up to take over. This may be the last year for that. I am not sure I will make this one, even though I live in Kissimmee. Mean Jean, AKA my wife of 49 years (50 this June) Will be having her replacement knee of almost 4 years replaced with a

new type of knee. Here is hoping that the pain she has been in since the first replacement will be gone, because if it does maybe she won't be Mean Jean anymore. The operation is scheduled for 1/28 and the week preceding she will be having blood tests special measurements and other tests. Hopefully, I would have been able to stop in and say hello of for that matter if no one steps up to take over Nassau Blue, my last goodbyes. I hope to stay in touch with a few of you with e-mail with the WACO Group. John Here's to the best of health to you and Betty, the retired guys best friends.

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GET WELL WISHES to Henry Saul, Greg Vazquez, Bill Rea, John Collier, John Nosovitch and Ruth Montelione wife of Frank. Get Well soon.

WRITERS THOUGHTS. Keep those letters and thoughts coming. If you hear of anyone who is ill or has passed away please drop me an e-mail or a letter via snail mail.. I can't let others know of illnesses or deaths unless you all help me out.

Remember it is your column. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL STAY WELL

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The next Open PBA meeting is February 20th

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Lynn Ang

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and register

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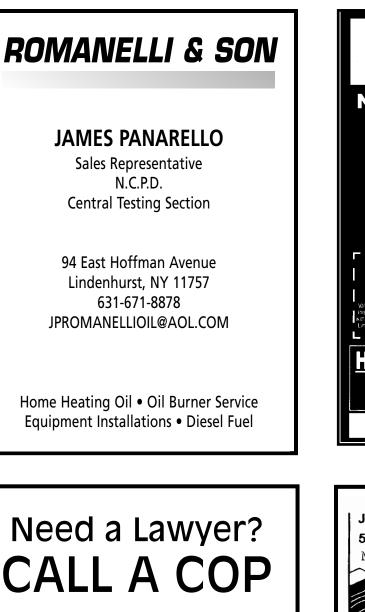


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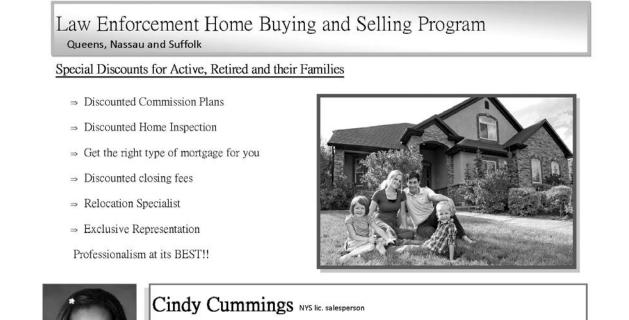
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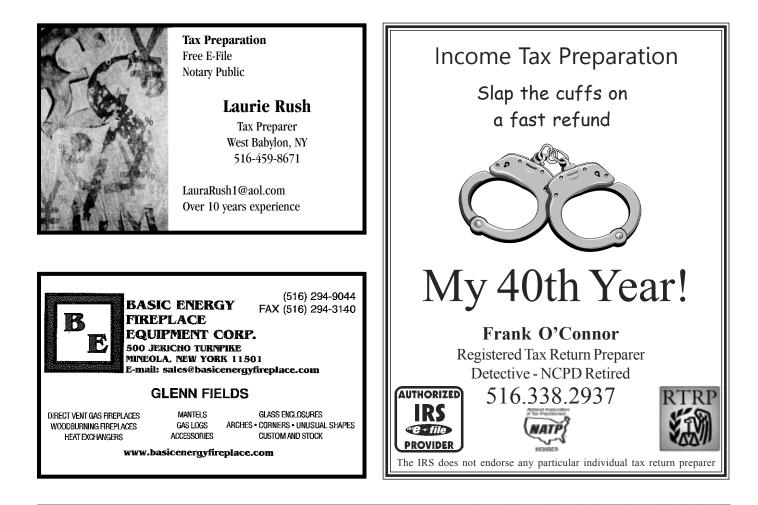




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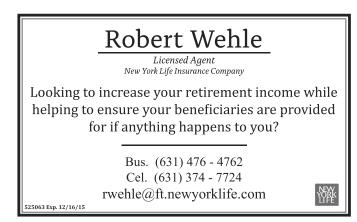
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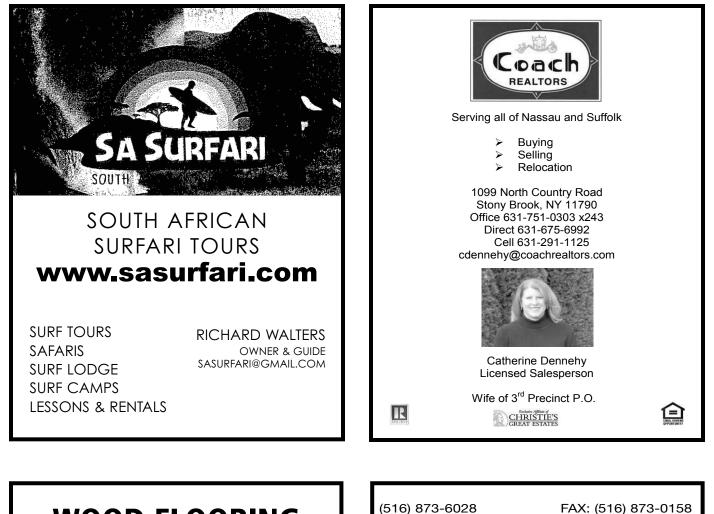
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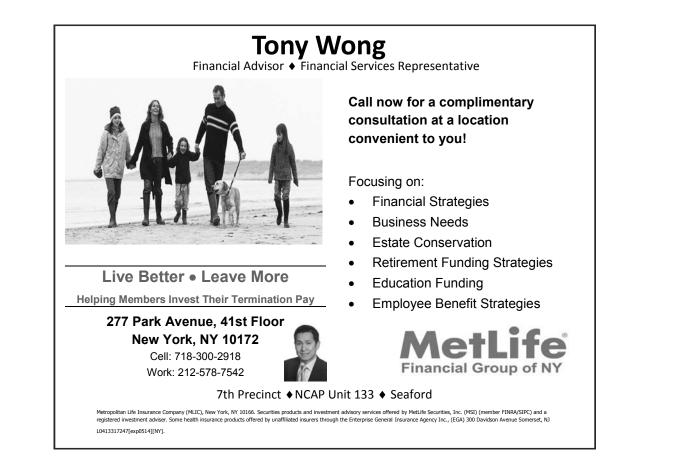
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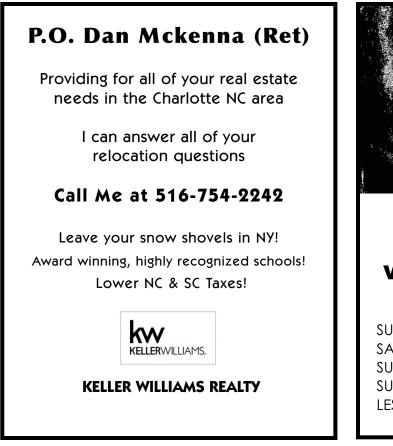
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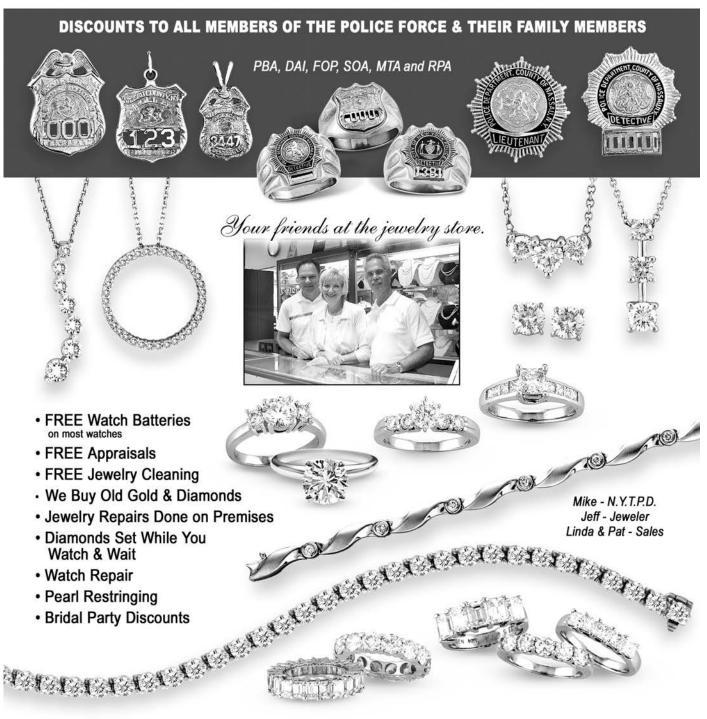


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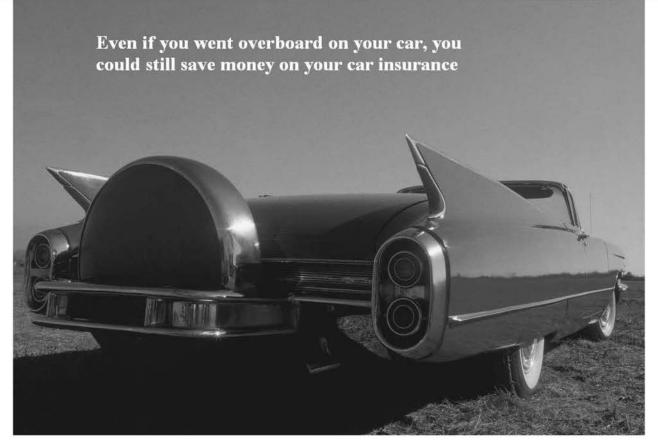


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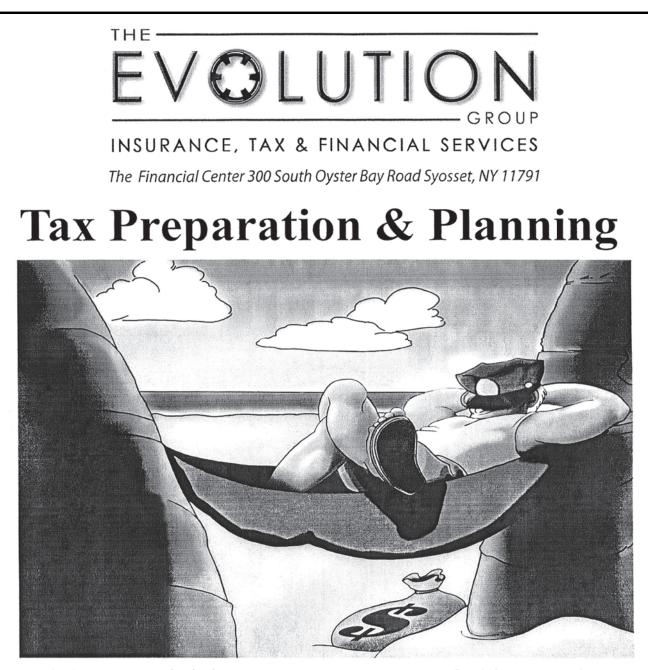


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