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NASSAU COUNTY PBA TOP COPS 2012



Top Row (L-R): PO John Fallace 4th Pct., PO Hoscar Walters 4th Pct., PO Anthony Badolato 4th Pct., PO Todd Atkin 3rd Pct., Sgt Michael Valente 5th Pct., PO Craig Russack 5th Pct., AMT Robert Roper 3rd Pct., Det Jason Gaertner 5th Pct., PO Jason Sepulveda 7th Pct., PO Stephen Conlin, 1st Pct. Second row standing (L-R): PBA President James Carver, PO George Pribyl 5th Pct., PO John Wellenreuther 5th Pct., PO Shevach Berkovits 4th Pct., PO Charles Anderson 7th Pct., PO John Schmitt 1st Pct., PO Ronald Moore 1st Pct., PO Dennis Wunsch 1st Pct., PO Michael Maloney 1st Pct., PO Nicholas Zaharis 1st Pct., PO Daniel Healey 1st Pct., PO David McGarrigle 1st Pct. Seated (L-R): PO Dario Pierre 5th Pct., PO Kenneth Kraemer 3rd Pct., PO Jesse Cooper 3rd Pct., Det Juan Giron 5th Pct., PO Kerry Harracksingh 5th Pct., AMT John Convey 7th Pct., PO Louis Morga 7th Pct., PO Edward Eilenberger 5th Pct., PO Timothy Siar 5th Pct.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am finally in a position, physically and mentally, to write and thank you for all your prayers and support. I firmly believe that everyone's prayers are helping me to heal. It is wonderful to know that you care for me as much as you do. They tell me that I was very close to death. I thank God every day for keeping me alive and keeping my mind intact. In fact, that has become my mantra. Whenever my spirits get low, I try to remind myself that I am alive. I was shocked to wake up from a morphine fog and find that two of my police brothers died shortly after my accident.

Although the car ran me over on October 2, currently, I have no recollection of events that occurred shortly after the accident, until November 9, when I came out from under the morphine. My doctors say that is a blessing, that I would have been in terrible pain had it not been for the drugs. However, I am told that I said and did some strange things while I was drugged up. One thing I do know for sure is that I did not borrow the money some of you are claiming you loaned me while I was semi-conscious.

Over and over when a member of my family would thank one of my police brothers or sisters for a kind act, they would hear the words, "It's no trouble, that's what we do." My wife heard that when she was picked up by a Jersey State Trooper near the Pennsylvania border. She heard it again when she was passed off to another trooper in Parsippany on Route 80. She heard it again when she got into a Nassau Police vehicle on the George Washington Bridge. She, and the rest of my family, heard it over and over at the hospital as medical personnel scrambled to save my life, and so many of you sat vigil ready to comfort my family if the worst had occurred.

In January, I will have 30 years on the job and along the way I have had occasional disappointments with the PBA, just as some of you do now. Let me tell you, there is no more supportive organization on the planet than our PBA. The PBA team was there for me when I was hit by that car, and they will be there for you, with more help and coordinated effort that you can possibly imagine. Cops who have been hurt understand exactly what I am talking about. Some people tease me because every time I pick up my check I blurt out, "Thank God for the PBA. Without them we would be working twice as long for half the pay." The truth is our union is so much more than that.

I know I made the right choice when I decided to become a police officer. It is wonderful to have a job where people don't stab each other in the back. Instead, they watch each other's backs. I thank everyone, from the highest levels of this job, to the cops I worked with along the way, to cops who were there for me even though they had only heard about "The Ghost" or the "Hologram." I thank you all for what you did for me and my loved ones. Please keep me in your prayers, and God bless you all.

Dom Stanganelli

Thank You

Recently, my wife, PO Denise Doherty-Begis, and I suffered the loss of her father, George Doherty. It was un-expected, and naturally, we were grief-stricken. We went through the motions, dazed and in denial. At his wake, we were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to pay their respects. It was a testament to the kind of person my father in law, a retired NCPD JAB Detective, was. What was more overwhelming was the response of the members of the Nassau County Police Department. From the Police Academy staff, to the members of the 7th Pct, the Ceremonial Unit, the Color Guard, the Pall bearers, Highway, Photo Unit and especially the members of the Firearms Training Unit, it was a remarkable display of professionalism, compassion and friendship. They helped us celebrate the life of an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. Our out-of-town friends and acquaintances' were surprised at what the Nassau County Police did for one of their own.

My family and I would like to thank those who helped us through a difficult time. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. In a time when many think "the job" is heading in the wrong direction, it is comforting to know the members of this department are not.

With great appreciation;

Hodge and Denise Begis and the entire Doherty family.

From the Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

On Dec. 11 the PBA held its annual Holiday Party at the Marriott Hotel in Uniondale. Over six hundred people attended and honored our Top Cops of the Year. Below are the abbreviated descriptions of events.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 1ST PCT

PO STEPHEN J. CONLIN PO DAVID J. MCGARRIGLE

On December 30, 2011 Police Officer Stephen Conlin was on patrol in the First Precinct assigned to RMP 105. At 0520 hours he came upon an apparent disabled vehicle in the parking lot of 1900 Hempstead Turnpike East Meadow. As he came closer, he observed a male bent over in front of the vehicle. He also observed a bloody hypodermic needle hanging from the subjects arm. Officer Conlin requested assistance over the radio. A few moments later Police Officer David McGarrigle arrived at the scene. The subject, who was uncooperative, became violent and a struggle ensued with both Officers as they tried to gain control of him. This incident became more serious and life threatening as the subject fired a shot that struck Officer Conlin. Officer McGarrigle realizing what had occurred took immediate action to stop the threat. Officer McGarrigle fired at the subject striking him and terminating the threat.

Police Officers Conlin and McGarrigle encountered an extremely dangerous individual. This subject seriously wounded Officer Conlin and Officer McGarrigle took action to save the lives of Officer Conlin and himself. The actions of these officers to stop this deadly threat are why we are proud to honor them as our TOP COPS.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 1ST PCT

PO MICHAEL A. MALONEY PO DENNIS R. WUNSCH PO RONALD J. MOORE PO DANIEL C. HEALEY PO NICHOLAS J. ZAHARIS PO JOHN K. SCHMITT

On April 15, 2012, Police Officers Dennis Wunsch and Michael Maloney were on patrol in the First Precinct. At Approx 0430 hours the officers were dispatched by Communication Bureau to a call for a disturbance in Roosevelt. While in route the officers did receive further information that a male subject was at the scene with a handgun and also were provided with a description of the subject. At this time Officers Zaharis, Healey, Schmitt and Moore were also assigned the call. As Officers Healey and Zaharis arrived at scene they did observe a male matching the description attempting to leave the location. Upon observation, the officers did identify the subject as a member of the

“Crips” street gang. A foot pursuit did begin and during it P.O Zaharis, Healey, & Wunsch did observe the suspect withdrawing a large black revolver from his pants with his hands. While notifying other officers at scene of the armed subject and commanding the subject to drop his weapon the suspect continued to flee traversing several back yards and side streets in almost complete darkness. During the chaos of this foot chase all the officers involved had the instinctive where-withal to set up an intermittent perimeter while relaying the unfolding whereabouts of this dangerous subject to each other.

During the pursuit, Officer Maloney chased the subject into a residential rear yard. With his weapon drawn ordered him to present his hands and stop and as the subject came to a small fence he rapidly turned towards Officer Maloney in an aggressive manner and yelled “Fuck you mother fucker” and had his hand on his waist band in a threatening manner. Officer Maloney in fear for his life did then fire his service weapon striking the subject, stopping the threat. The subject was taken into custody by Officers Maloney, Wunsch, Healey, & Moore and moments later a loaded black .357 revolver was recovered from scene. The action of all the Officers involved showed incredible restraint, bravery and professionalism. That is why we are proud to honor them as our Nassau County PBA TOP COPS.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 4TH PCT

PO JOHN T. FALLACE

On February 12, 2012 Police Officer John T. Fallace was assisting detectives from the Fourth Squad with an investigation. The incident was earlier in the day and involved shots fired. The detectives called upon Officers Fallace’s experience and knowledge with the Inwood community to help with the case. Officer Fallace responded with Detectives Nill and Sheinberg to Mott Avenue in Inwood. Officer Fallace had obtained credible information that the perpetrator of the shots fired would be at that location. Upon arrival to the scene the subject they were looking for was located. As Officer Fallace and the detectives approached on foot, the subject displayed a handgun and pointed it at Officer Fallace. Officer Fallace was able to block the subject’s arm that was holding the gun. A struggle ensued to gain control of the weapon. During the struggle the subject attempted to fire twice at the two detectives but his gun jammed. The subject was able to push away from the police and again pointed his gun at the officers. At this time Officer Fallace fired shots from his service weapon striking the subject and stopping the threat. The subject fled the scene but was later apprehended.

Police Officer John T. Fallace was confronted with an armed and extremely dangerous individual. This subject was attempting to fire shots at point blank range at several officers. Officer Fallace’s quick and decisive reactions stopped this potential deadly situation. Officer Fallace displayed bravery and professionalism during these life threatening circumstances. We are proud to honor him as our TOP COP.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
4TH PCT
PO HOSCAR A. WALTERS
PO SHEVACH BERKOVITS
PO ANTHONY BADOLATO**

On August 29, 2011, Police Officers Anthony Badolato, Shevach Berkovits, and Hoscar A. Walters, of the Fourth Precinct responded to a residence in Point Lookout. The subject inside the house was wanted for the commission of a home invasion that occurred recently in a nearby home. The officers positioned themselves in the rear yard in back of the house while other members of the NCPD were stationed in the front. The officers had received information that the subject possessed a weapon during the commission of the home invasion and that there were rifles inside the house that the subject was currently in. There were numerous unsuccessful attempts by the police to have the subject exit the house. The subject replied with refusals and curses towards them. The subject then tried to escape by climbing out a back window of the house. The subject ran into the rear yard where Officers Walters, Berkovits and Badolato were positioned. The subject had a knife in his hands. Despite orders by the officers to stop and drop the knife, he first swung the knife towards Officer Badolato then charged at Officers Berkovits and Walters. The subject held the weapon above his head in a menacing manner and ran directly at the officers. The officers were forced to fire their weapons to stop this deadly threat. Officers Walters and Berkovits did strike the subject terminating the threat.

These three officers were confronted with an armed and extremely dangerous individual. This subject had committed an armed home invasion and was attempting to stab the officers with a knife. The officers reacted valiantly in stopping this life threatening attack. The action of all the officers involved is why we are proud to honor them as our Nassau County PBA TOP COPS.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
5TH PCT
PO JOHN A. WELLENREUTHER**

On the morning of October 5th 2011, Police Officer John Wellenreuther finished his midnight shift in Elmont. He was off duty traveling home in his private auto when he decided to stop to put gas in his vehicle. He pulled into the Liberty gas station in Elmont. Once he stepped out of his vehicle he was met by another customer who was running away from the gas station and yelling that the place was being robbed. Officer Wellenreuther was able to look between the pumps and see inside the store area of the gas station. There indeed was a robbery in progress. The Officer observed a male subject taking money from the register and assaulting the attendant by punching him in the face. The subject also appeared to be armed with a handgun. As the subject exited the store Officer Wellenreuther kept him under observation and began to follow him on foot. Once he gained a good tactical position he yelled to the subject. He identified himself as a police officer and ordered him to stop. The subject refused to comply

with the officers verbal commands and turned towards him with what appeared to be a black handgun. The officer fearing for his safety as well as the safety of civilians in the area fired one shot from his service weapon. The subject then turned and fled on foot. The officer followed on foot towards a residential area. After a short foot pursuit the subject again turned towards and confronted the officer. Officer Wellenreuther fired another shot at the subject. The subject lost his weapon and fled into the rear yards. Officer Wellenreuther called in a detailed description and quickly a perimeter was set up and a search conducted. A short time later the subject was apprehended, placed under arrest and charged with Robbery First Degree. NYCPD was contacted and a robbery pattern was closed out involving six other Robberies.

Police Officer Wellenreuther while off duty took action to stop a Robbery in progress. His heroic actions while placing himself in harms way took a violent felon off the streets and closed out several other Robbery cases. That is why we are proud to honor him as our N.C.P. B.A. TOP COP OF THE YEAR.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 5TH PCT
DETECTIVE JUAN C. GIRON
PO TIMOTHY A. SIAR
PO GEORGE C. PRIBYL
PO EDWARD EILENBERGER
PO CRAIG S. RUSSACK
PO KERRY S. HARRACKSINGH
PO DARIO PIERRE**

On January 16, 2012 Detective Juan C. Giron who on that date was a Police Officer assigned to RMP 510 in Elmont was assigned through Communication Bureau for a Burglary in progress at Dana Ave N. Valley Stream. Upon arrival to the scene Officer Giron discovered an ongoing home invasion with two male subjects armed with guns. There was a family imprisoned inside the home. The Officer new that time was of the essence. He did not hesitate. He notified Radio of the situation, requested assistance and entered the home to rescue the family. Once inside he observed two adults and four children with their hands tied behind their backs. He was able to set the family free but became pinned down by gun fire when confronted by the subjects committing the crime. Officers Timothy Siar, George Pribyl, Edward Eilenberger, Craig Russack, Kerry Harracksingh, Dario Pierre, and Sgt Michael Valente responded to the scene. Officer Harracksingh and Pierre went to the back entrance of the home while the other Officers gained entry through the side doors. Knowing that there was gunfire the Officers kicked open the door to help Officer Giron. When the Officers broke through the door they were met by one of the armed assailants. Officers Siar and Pribyl were positioned in front followed by Officers Eilenberger, Russack and Sgt Valente. The subject fired his weapon and narrowly missed the Officers even though the officers were positioned in a

tight narrow hallway with almost no cover. Officers Siar and Pribyl returned fire at the subject. The subject then hid himself in another room in the house adjacent to the hallway. At this time Officers Harracksingh and Pierre entered the back of the home to also help Officer Giron. Officer Pierre took a tactical position covering the basement, while Officers Harracksingh and Giron went to a locked rear bedroom where the second armed subject was located. The Officers charged towards the subject and forcibly subdued him recovering the firearm that he was possessing. Once the shooting had stopped the officers conducted a search of the home and found the other subject deceased while still clutching a handgun.

These Officers efforts while working together preformed heroically. They did not hesitate putting themselves in harm's way to free a captured family from their home and confront these armed violent felons. They entered the home and became involved in a close quarters gun battle where the Officers narrowly escaped serious physical injury with bullets flying by their heads and striking objects inches away from their position. These Officers demonstrated tremendous courage and bravery while in the line of fire. They continued to battle these murderous criminals until the threat was terminated. This heinous crime was stopped and the family's lives were saved. We are extremely proud to honor all of the Officers involved as our Nassau County PBA TOP COPS.

**SUPERVISOR 5TH PCT
SGT. MICHAEL S. VALENTE**

Sergeant Michael S. Valente has displayed excellent supervisory skills and has been involved and assisted in several outstanding arrests over the course of the past year. Two incidents that stand out are a Felony gun arrest that resulted in the closure of a Robbery pattern in the Queens/Nassau area. This subject was armed with a fully loaded 357Magnum revolver which was stolen from N.Y.C. and he was charged with criminal possession of a weapon 2nd degree a C felony.

The other incident was an arrest for a home invasion in which Sgt. Valente assisted in not only entering the home to prevent this most serious and heinous crime but to help a fellow officer who was pinned down in the home in an exchange of gunfire. Due to his and the other officers heroic efforts the family was saved.

The Sergeants consistent approach to performing his job while not hesitating to put himself in harm's way to protect his fellow officers and the public is why we are proud to honor him as our TOP SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR.

**DETECTIVE 5TH PCT
DET. JASON J. GAERTNER**

Detective Jason J. Gaertner has been involved with the arrest of several high profile Felony arrests. The first arrest concluded an eighteen month investigation. Det. Gaertner worked relentlessly to bring to justice a perpetrator who committed a home invasion and had viciously beaten the res-

ident of a Valley Stream home in July of 2009. The subject was a member of the outlaw gang and had committed multiple armed felonies which had netted him over a half million dollars and countless viciously assaulted victims. This investigation stretched across multiple jurisdictions and involved multiple agencies. This case was also broadcasted on the television show Americas Most Wanted. When Det. Gaertner finally caught up to this dangerous criminal he attempted to escape by jumping out a second floor window in a vacant apartment building in Brooklyn.

The second case was a robbery at a gas station in Elmont that ended with a shooting involving an off duty Nassau County police officer. Det. Gaertner not only conducted an investigation at the scene but eventually performed a canvass of the area that discovered the subject hiding in a truck. Det. Gaertner's keen observations of a small blood smear on the vehicles door handle was the key to his discovery. Det. Gaertner's continued investigation revealed that the subject was wanted by N.Y.C. for a robbery pattern that involved other violent robberies of gas stations.

Detective Jason J. Gartner's exceptional investigative skills as well as his persistence and dedication to his profession is why We are proud to call him our Nassau County PBA : TOP DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

**OVERALL 3RD PCT
PO KENNETH C. KRAEMER**

Police Officer Kenneth Kraemer has distinguished himself throughout the year by initiating investigations, making outstanding arrests and providing excellent service to the community.

Over the past year Officer Kraemer worked in the plain-clothes unit assigned to the Third Precinct. He has made 181 total arrests of which 103 were Felony arrests. The remainder of his arrests consisted of 52 misdemeanor and 26 violations. He has recovered multiple handguns including a 9mm/.380/.45/and 38 caliber. He has seized over \$52,000 in asset forfeiture money for the County. These arrests stem from cases involving drug sale, drug possession, search warrants, weapons possession and vehicle seizures.

Police officer Kenneth Kraemer has demonstrated a consistent high level of performance and professionalism while helping remove crime from our streets and his actions has earned him the right to be called. Nassau's finest

**LIFE SAVER 3RD PCT
PO JESSE COOPER
PO TODD ATKIN
AMT ROBERT ROPER**

On January 31st 2012 at 0916 hours Police Officer Jesse Cooper along with Officer Todd Atkin were assigned to Radio Motor Patrol 315 when they were assigned to a call for a maternity on Roman Avenue Westbury. They arrived on scene moments after the call was dispatched. Upon arrival the officers discovered the mother in the bathroom with the

baby still attached by the umbilical cord to the placenta. The baby was not breathing, motionless with no pulse and appeared cyanotic. The officers requested a forthwith on the ambulance. The officers immediately began to administer CPR in an attempt to revive the baby. They were soon joined by A.M.T. Robert Roper who cut the umbilical cord and started advance life support on the endangered new born. They all transported the baby in the ambulance with Officer Atkin operating the vehicle while Officer Cooper assisted A.M.T. Roper in the back of the ambulance. During the transport to the hospital the baby started labored breathing and arrived at the hospital where the new born made a full recovery.

The members involved in this incident responded quickly and made a fast assessment of the situation. They worked together as a team, calling upon their training and experience while using all available medical equipment and were able to save this baby's life. That is why the PBA is proud to call them Top cops.

**MERITORIOUS 7TH PCT
PO LOUIS MORGA
PO JASON A. SEPULVEDA
PO CHARLES H. ANDERSON
AMT JOHN CONVEY**

On November 21, 2011 Officers Louis Morga, Jason A. Sepulveda and Charles H. Anderson from the Seventh Precinct all responded to the aid of Police Officer Colleen Magnifico. Officer Magnifico was involved in a serious auto

accident while she was attempting to stop a fleeing auto. Her vehicle struck the guard rail on the Sothern State Parkway at the Route 110 exit. The RMP spun 360 degrees crossed three lanes of traffic and was struck by another auto. The RMP sustained an enormous amount of damage and Officer Magnifico was severely injured. She was unconscious, bleeding from the head, had several fractured vertebrae, a broken collar bone, fractured scapula, broken nose, six fractured ribs and a collapsed lung.

The three Officers began to help with the rescue of Officer Magnifico. Officer Sepulveda gained entry to the rear seat behind Officer Magnifico and provided stabilization of her neck. Officer Anderson entered the vehicle from the passenger front door and checked for breathing and applied oxygen. Officer Morga requested the ambulance and helicopter. Ambulance Medical Technician John Convey then arrived at scene. They were all working together to place a neck collar on Officer Magnifico and transfer her onto a backboard. They were then all able to place her on a trundle and move her to the helicopter for transport to the Hospital.

Police Officers Morga, Sepulveda, Anderson, and Ambulance Medical Technician Convey were able to use their expert experience working together in a coordinated effort to render immediate aid to Officer Magnifico. The result of the tremendous work of all the members involved prevented her from sustaining even further serious injuries. We are proud to honor them as our TOP COPS.

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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: _____ COMMAND: _____ SERIAL #: _____

DATE OF COURT: _____ COURT: _____

JUDGE: _____

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER: _____

IMPARTIALITY: _____

GENERAL RATING: _____

COMMENTS: _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: _____

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE 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:

NAME _____ SERIAL# _____
DATE OF APPOINTMENT _____ COMMAND _____
SCHEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT _____ TIME SEEN _____
I# _____
EXAMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON) _____
MAO 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 examination? (feel for spasm, test for sensory loss, use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk on heel/toes, test straight leg raising, etc.)? _____

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 your 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 Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations? Yes No

8. Do you feel the Police Surgeon treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. _____

9. Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. _____

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 way 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 you 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 that 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.

One of the biggest concerns of police officers who see me in consultation regarding a line of duty injury is whether the department can “force me (the police officer) off the job.” The best way to formulate a response is to start with the department’s right to file performance of duty applications (50%) and accidental disability applications (75%) on behalf of police officers when the cop is injured in the line of duty. This very powerful right afforded the employer is provided in Sec. 207-c of the General Municipal Law and Sections 363 and 363-c of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

If the Police Commissioner’s right to file disability applications is viewed as “being forced off the job,” then the answer is yes, the Department can force you off the job when in the Department’s view the police officer is permanently disabled and unable to perform the full duties of a police officer (or police detective or police supervisor). The law does not specify any time frame in which the Commissioner must file disability applications. However, based on experience, in the past the Commissioner would file disability applications roughly when the police officer has not been able to perform full duty for 18 months. More recently, I have heard that applications were being filed as early as one year from the point that the police officer has not been able to perform full duty and the Department has some evidence indicating that the injury is permanent. As noted above, there are no time frames imposed on the Commissioner with respect to the filing of disability applications. The Commissioner is free to file a $\frac{3}{4}$ disability application or a $\frac{1}{2}$ disability application or both together.

No matter which application is filed by the Commissioner on behalf of the injured cop, the Commissioner’s application(s) must meet the very same requirements as if that application(s) were filed by the cop him/herself. So, the application for $\frac{3}{4}$ will be approved only if, at the time of filing, the cop is “Physically or mentally incapacitated for performance of duty as the natural and proximate result of an accident not caused by his own willful negligence sustained in such service and while actually a member of the policemen’s and firemen’s retirement system” (see Sec. 363 of the Retirement and Social Security Law). The mentally or physically disabling condition must be permanent and the permanent disability must be causally related to the event alleged to be the cause of the injuries.

I have frequently been asked what happens if both applications for $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ are submitted? Can the Retirement System simply take the position that this applicant is not hurt enough for $\frac{3}{4}$ so we will award him/her $\frac{1}{2}$? The answer to that is no. Whether an applicant is entitled to $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ disability benefit depends only on how the injury occurred. If the incident causing the disability is an “accident” within the meaning of the law, then that applicant will be entitled to a $\frac{3}{4}$ disability pension if he/she meets the medical and other requirements, such as whether or not

proper, written notice of the incident was provided by the applicant to the Retirement System. The written notice requirement is met when the applicant files a timely Workers’ Compensation claim. If notice is not provided to the Retirement System, and this failure cannot be corrected by “good cause” pursuant to very stringent requirements, then both the applications for $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ will fail.

Please note that an application filed by the Commissioner cannot be withdrawn by the police officer. So, if an injured cop wants to overcome an application(s) filed by the Commissioner, the best way to accomplish that is to return to work full duty and then request the Commissioner to withdraw the application(s) filed on behalf of the cop. It is also important to note that the Commissioner does not get approvals on every application the department files. In the event that an application(s) filed by the department is denied, there is no other way for the department to force that cop off the job on account of his/her injuries and disability. Of course, the department can appeal an unfavorable decision on an application it filed or can file a new application(s) if the cop’s condition worsens.

It appears that the most litigated area of cases involving the Retirement System continues to be whether a particular incident constitutes an “accident” thereby entitling the injured police officer to a $\frac{3}{4}$ disability pension. An interesting case has been reported in a decision dated December 13, 2012, by the Appellate Division, Third Department. In this case police detective was standing on a retaining wall made up of loose stones. He was conducting surveillance on a robbery suspect when the stone he was standing on shifted and rolled off the wall, causing the detective to slip and injure his back and right knee. The detective applied for performance of duty (50%) and accidental disability retirement benefits (75%). He was awarded a 50% disability pension but was denied the 75% disability pension “on the ground that the incident did not constitute an accident within the meaning of the Retirement and Social Security Law.” (Note that we did not represent him and to the best of my knowledge he is not a Nassau County Police Department Detective).

In setting forth the rationale for its decision, the Court noted that “An accident, under the meaning of the Retirement and Social Security Law, is ‘a sudden, fortuitous mischance which is unexpected and out of the ordinary.’” Further, the Court wrote that “an incident does not qualify as an accident justifying the award of accidental disability retirement benefits [3/4] where the injury results from an expected or foreseeable event arising during the performance of routine employment duties.”

The Court pointed out that the det. testified, at the appeal hearing, that he was performing a routine job duty when he was injured. Further, he stated that he was aware that the stone wall that he climbed upon was made up of “large loose boulders” that were merely piled on top of each other, without anything holding the boulders together. The Court concluded that “Under these circumstances, the possibility that one of the boulders would come loose

under his weight as he was standing on it was a foreseeable event. Accordingly, substantial evidence supports [the Retirement System's] determination that the incident did not constitute an accident within the meaning of the Retirement and Social Security Law."

The result in the detective's case would have been no different if the application had been filed by his employer. If he had not filed a concurrent application for performance of duty disability benefits (50%) then he would have wound up with no tax free disability pension at all. Of course, he may have had enough years on the job where his service retirement pension, although federally taxable, would have exceeded the 50% tax free performance of duty pension.

If you have any questions regarding disability pensions, Workers' Compensation, Social Security disability, Veterans' disability benefits or personal injury lawsuits, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516.496.0400 ext. 4403 or mrada@fbrlaw.com. If you have any questions or concerns or comments regarding this Legal Report, please do not hesitate to e-mail me.

On behalf of the entire firm, we extend our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

Merge? Well it has been delayed for 90 days. We will all see what happens. Our planned photo op and last day shindig is postponed till the actual last day. From what I've heard we were going to have quite a turnout. Former bosses, former 1st pct P.O.s, retirees from all over and former C.O's were all set to attend. The support has been over-whelming, it goes to show you what First Precinct members are made of.

FIRST PCT CHILDREN'S PARTY

Well the party was a bust. This was probably the last year for a children's party, which is a shame because it's a great opportunity to have a family function for a precinct event. A lot of work goes into the planning and organizing and it's disconcerting when no one shows up. Kudos to JB on another job well done. The food was incredible, and our Santa (aka Moran) was amazing with the kids. No one had a better time than Biggers daughter Marin, who practically attacked Santa when he came out. We had great difficulty getting her off of Santa's lap. Thanks to Knox, Vitale, Fenimore, O'Mara, O'Brien, Maher, Sikinger and Piccirillo for all their help with the food and setting up. Also thanks to our little elves the Bilello girls, the Beccaris girls and the Doherty's who helped Santa with the gifts and kids.

IS IT TRUE THAT...

Ramos lost of all his ½ shirts from his Menudo days in Hurricane Sandy?

Fosbeck is buying Franco roses?

Johnny O. after watching Reno 911 asked "Is this a real police show, if that's real uniform, why are his shorts so tight?"

Schassberger is an interpreter for the hearing impaired?

Johnny O still does all of his To/From letters on loose-leaf paper?

Remnant's of Todd's personal car are scattered all over what was suppose to be the new 1st pct.

WHAT SGT...

Followed Mo to the ladies room and had to be told to leave?

CONGRATS

To Dafni Gross on her recent retirement. Dafni's last day get together had a good turnout, almost all the girls of the precinct showed up, most of special patrols, her whole squad, retirees and many others. We all wish her well in her retirement and her new life as a soccer mom.

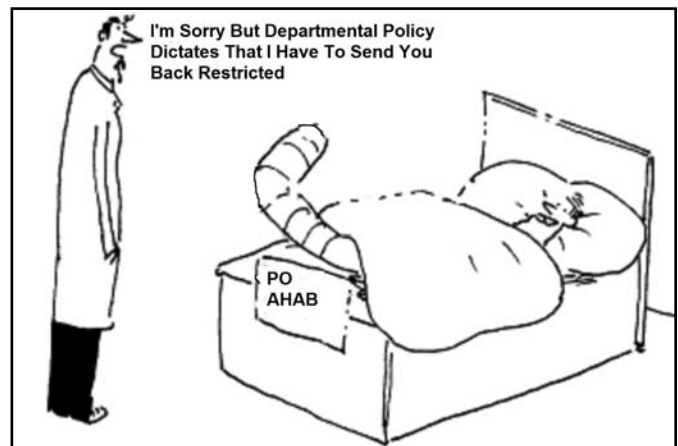
Second Precinct

NEWS FROM THE 02 JANUARY 2013 EDITION

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THE SURGEONS OFFICE AT IT AGAIN!



Yes, I'm sorry to say, but this cartoon is accurate - for instance, let's just say that you have just left the hospital - and just for fun let's say that your X-rays are still dripping wet and you have yet to receive any pain medication. Well then if you go directly to the surgeon's office and you happen to be seen by a certain person in that surgeon's office then you too could find yourself placed back on restricted assignment for no other intelligible reason than the department wants it so.

It seems that certain injuries to certain areas of the body produce a one of a kind diagnosis (Brilliant) - a one size fits all approach, "THE NEW DEPARTMENT MANTRA" Put

it this way, If I was going to the surgeon's office with this kind of injury (the nether region or there about) then I would be expecting this kind response from the job. Therefore I might want to know my contractual rights or at least I might want to contact a PBA rep during this Pavlovian process.

HAPPY EASTER!



Third Precinct

by Bill Purcell

STAN RUPPENTHAL

Another devastating loss for the Third Precinct. Stan literally spent half his life on patrol and just short of packing it all in, he was taken from us. Everyone will have their own memories of Stan as we move on; mine was my very first night on patrol. I was working an 2300-0700 tour in RMP 322 and Stan was in RMP 321. I was unfamiliar with the area; I didn't know anyone and was a little nervous. Stan had me follow him to the 7-11 and introduced me to the 4 or 5 other cops who were getting their beginning of the tour coffee. After that, Stan drove me around and showed me my post boundaries and rode on all of my assignments, including a possible aided, which turned out to be a DWI who fell asleep while stopped at the train tracks on Urban Ave.. So, my first night I got my first DWI and Stan assisted me with it. He turned an anxious night into a relaxing learning experience.

Try to keep Stan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

THOUGHTS FROM PAUL MAXWELL

On November 26th, we lost Stan Ruppenthal. Stan passed away unexpectedly, leaving his Wife, two children and a new grandson. Stan was a dedicated father, husband, grandfather and Police Officer. I worked the adjoining car to Stan for 17 years and Stan was not just a co-worker, but he was also a good friend who was well liked by everyone. Stan and I went on a large majority of our calls together and we had coffee and lunch together almost every working day. He was always happy, especially after the birth of his grandchild. He was looking forward to retiring soon to spend more time with his family, but the powers above had a different idea.

Amongst other things, Stan was also a great asset to his community, he was the former president of the East Meadow Soccer Club and worked tirelessly to build The Field of Dreams soccer field on Salisbury Park Drive which hundreds of kids have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy for years to come. He will surely be missed.

RICH GARCZINSKI (GARZO)

In addition to Stan, we lost a former Third Precinct cop the very same week. We have a pretty young group of guys in this precinct and many of you may not have

known Rich Garcynski, aka Garzo, who retired about twelve years ago. All I can say is that it is your loss; Rich was a great guy who always told it like it was. He was a funny guy who was part of a small group of comical, care free guys. This little group consisted of guys like Bob Imhoff, Ed Schroeder, Jimmy Anderson and Billy Maher. Joe Curiale was also part of this group; he was like a slightly younger trainee of the group. When I came on, they were "the" old-timers of the job. May Rich rest in peace and may his family also be in our thoughts and prayers.

GOOD RIDDANCE 2012

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. 2012 was certainly one year I don't have a problem turning the page on, but I am extremely optimistic about 2013 for two reasons.

- 1) It really couldn't be any worse
- 2) I just have a gut feeling that 2013 will bring some positive changes. Not the most scientific theory, but my gut feelings usually turn out to be pretty close to the center of the target.

When you're optimistic, life seems to go a little smoother and optimists are usually much happier with their day to day lives and they don't sweat the small stuff. Pessimists usually find things to complain about even with the good things in life and are generally less happy.

As we saw in 2012, life can be cut short very quickly and sometimes way too soon, so pay attention to the things that really matter in life. I'm not really one for New Year's resolutions and I'm not going to start making them now, but it is evident to me that an optimistic attitude does make you feel better. I've always been somewhat optimistic, but there is always room for improvement and in 2013 I am going to try to cross my fingers and be even more optimistic, I hope you join me.

KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY

Another successful kid's party occurred on December 8th. It was nice to see a bunch of new faces at the party. Santa arrived by sleigh and handed out presents to the kids. The Holiday chicken, dog and bear popped in for a visit. The kids got to do craft projects and they ate way too much pizza, hot dogs, cookies and candy. It seemed like everyone, especially the kids, had a great time, which is what it is all about. As always, I would like to thank some people who helped the PBA guys make this party what it is. First a big thank you to the NHPFD for the use of the building and sleigh, Jimmy Duignan who is instrumental in helping out with a large list of things throughout the day, Danielle Mcquade who helped with the shopping and runs the craft table, Jackie Re who stepped up at the last minute and did the job of Santa's little helper, Jason Trees who picked up the pizza and Charlie Sollin and Bryan Reitan for picking up the cookies.

FUTURE KIDS PARTY ATTENDEES

Congratulations to Rob Kaletcher and his wife Ann

Marie On the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace (7lbs, 14 ounces) on October 11th.

Congratulations to Pat O'Neill and his wife Valerie on the birth of their son Brendan Patrick (9 lbs, 3 ounces) on November 29th

TOP COPS – SEPTEMBER 2012

PO WILLIAM PURCELL

PO JONATHAN PANUTHOS

On September 10, 2012 at approximately 1556 hours, Police Officers William Purcell and Police Officer Jonathan Panuthos with AMT's David Reed and Robert Roper responded to an aided case for a woman in cardiac arrest on the golf course at Eisenhower Park.

All assigned units arrived at Eisenhower Park simultaneously and were escorted to the 8th hole tee box by Officer Purcell who had knowledge of the golf course layout and was able to quickly locate the Aided. Upon their arrival, their initial assessment found the aided, a 76 year old female with no pulse and not breathing. All members acted as a team and immediately began advanced cardiac life support. Officer Purcell began compressions while Officer Panuthos started breathing for the patient, utilizing a BVM. AMT Reed prepared and applied the AED to the patient, while AMT Roper prepared the medications to administer to the patient and attempted to secure an airway. After approximately two minutes of CPR the AED indicated that a shock was necessary and AMT Reed administered the shock. The patient regained a pulse and began to breathe on her own.

The Aided was transported to NUMC emergency room in by the members involved and continued to receive advanced cardiac medical attention while en-route. Upon arrival at NUMC the patients care was transferred to the Attending Physician, who admitted her to the Cardiac unit in critical condition. She was able to recover and was discharged six days later on September 16, 2012.

PBA HOLIDAY PARTY

Another year gone by and another PBA Holiday party. This year again, the Third Precinct was well represented in the award category. Ken Kraemer was awarded the overall top cop award for the numerous arrests that he had for the year. Todd Atkin and Jesse Cooper received the overall Life Saving award for saving the life of a newborn baby. Congratulations to all of our winners. There was another standout from the Third Precinct that may not have gotten as much attention, but this ceremony would not have taken place if not for Janelle Javorowsky who showcased her acting skills by stepping up and playing the part of the courageous PO Magnifico from the 7th Precinct and then a mother who gave birth in the life saving video. I talked Janelle into assisting with the videos and told her it would only take a half hour of her time, which I truly believed. Well, she was there for approximately three hours, so, sorry and thanks.

THIRD AND SIXTH HOLIDAY PARTY

The Third and Sixth precincts combined their parties this year which took place on December 12th. There was a pretty good crowd in attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time. The raffle was given an upgrade when the always generous Brian Hogan from A1 Grand Auto Body showed up with a couple of boxes of prizes and donated them, make sure you thank him if you run into him. This years after party was also well attended and included entertainment by singing sensations Dan Bilz, Greg Mausner and Tommy Shevlin. All kidding aside, they didn't sound half bad.

GO HOME SAFE, IT'S ALL THAT MATTERS

Fourth Precinct

by Greg O'Neill

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

THE GOOD:

An anonymous Five Towns resident donated \$10,000 to the Joseph Olivieri and Arthur Lopez Memorial Fund (\$5,000 to each). The donation was presented by the Shomrin Society at the PBA Holiday Party.

Dominick Stanganelli was recently released from NUMC. Though Dom still has a long physical therapy program ahead of him, it is great to see him leave the hospital. Hopefully he will be back on his feet soon. The members of the Fourth Precinct continue to wish you a speedy recovery.

Several Fifth Precinct officers were honored at the PBA Holiday party. Congratulations to all the officers of the Fourth Precinct for all their hard work and efforts throughout the year. A special acknowledgment to John Fallace, Shevy Berkovits, Hoscar Walters, and Anthony Badolato for receiving the PBA Distinguished Service Award.

The Fourth Precinct holiday party and kid's party were a success. Everyone had a great time, especially all the children at the kids' party. Special thanks to Joe Petrella (aka Santa) for his time and holiday cheer. We are also very thankful and appreciative to those who help out with these events

THE BAD:

The lack of preparation for this past storm is unacceptable. Last year Deputy Police Commissioner Krumpter and Chief Skyrnecki visited the PBA office after Hurricane Irene. They had an open discussion with all PBA representation on how they can better prepare for another storm. They were very open to ideas and even suggested that a committee be formed to hash out any problems and implement a plan for future storms. I guess they were being typical politicians and stroked all of us by just nodding and stating "yes" to suggestions and ideas. That seems to be the new policy in this department.

Try to appease the masses and then hope time goes by so that we will soon forget. Meanwhile, they can't even do that

right because no one is happy and we certainly do not forget.

For a week leading up to Sandy, meteorologists and the media outlets spoke of the magnitude of this storm. They predicted "Frankenstorm" was going to hit the Tri State area with a fury. At this time, our members were reeling from the loss of Police Officer Arthur Lopez. We were also all still trying to recover from the loss of Joseph Olivieri. As police officers we still have an obligation to show up to work. We had to balance mourning the loss of two fellow officers, for many a close friend, and also focus on the day-to-day grind of police work. Our members still reported to work. They maintained their posts/assignments throughout this tragic time. What were the department heads doing during this time? We all knew about the upcoming storm. Was anyone literally at the helm? What was our Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Chief doing? We will never know. I am sure they will tell you that they were prepared. Maybe they were prepared at home but they certainly didn't take care of their obligations to the job. An appointed Nassau official was overheard at Arthur Lopez's funeral stating, "This thing [storm] is going to pass." That is reassuring. Our department didn't prepare.

Instead, they went all in and betted on the storm passing. In doing so, they gambled on our safety and the residents of Nassau's safety. There is an old saying about gambling "Gamblers never win and Winners never gamble."

THE UGLY:

Sandy landed and it went down as one of the worst storms in history. I'm sure headquarters now realizes that "thing" didn't pass! Nassau was hit hard and many Nassau Officers families were deeply affected by this storm.

Property damage was catastrophic and lives were lost throughout the tri-state area. As we all know our officers worked in rough conditions and were subjected to zero leadership and preparation from headquarters. Among many things, the storm provided a gas crisis. Gas stations were mobbed with little or no gas. Members were working extended hours and still waited patiently to get gas in order to get to and from work. Meanwhile, our department did nothing, I shouldn't say that. They did take care of themselves and their families. We all know how they were hoarding gas for themselves.

Departments from all around (FEMA, Homeland Security, TOH, even Hatzolah) were able to fill up at precinct pumps. Officers in their patrol cars had to wait to get gas because TOH workers were filling up containers to bring home to their personal generators. They weren't shy about their intentions and nor was anyone outside our department who filled up at precinct tanks.

But our officers could not do the same? Why not? Are we not worthy? Why do we have to spend time after a 12 plus hour tour to wait on a line to maybe get gas for our personal car? Why does everyone else get taken care of and we are always forgotten about. By the way who is paying for their gas? It is pretty evident that they don't give a damn about us. Thanks again headquarters, for looking out for the peo-

ple who make you look good day in and day out.

Exhausted, disgusted, and yet still attentive and committed to their work, our officers kept going. It was bad enough for us to have to deal with all the issues and elements that this storm brought upon us but somehow our department found another way to kick everyone when we were down. Enter stage left, the bright yellow traffic vests. These are the same yellow vests that were stored in boxes at headquarters for over 3 years. The same vests OSHA inquired about to the department after the death of Joseph Olivieri. Our department told OSHA that they had vests but they needed to be taken out of boxes and distributed to the officers. That must have been another gamble. A normal person would admit that we should have already had them. Our department hands them out after the fact and threatens discipline if you do not use them. Edgy and threatening messages were sent via MDT, that you must have your strobe lights on while patrolling, and your yellow vests and cap on when out on a traffic detail or incident. If not, you will be disciplined. Department resources, IAU, were sent out on patrol to monitor these heinous infractions and to burn officers who were not properly abiding by these strict command orders. I wore my vest to a possible incident in the bathroom because I feared of the harsh discipline that I might receive for having a bowel movement without my vest and hat on. I have to make a joke and you have to laugh a little because we are dealing with the absurd. Instead of having IAU patrol to protect the unfortunate in the county who have nothing due to the storm, they send them out to impose fear in the officers who are providing a service. It is interesting and sad how headquarters during a crisis, found the time to implement an equipment/patrol order, followed by threatening messages to take your time if you do not abide them. They never took any time to prepare and implement plans for a Hurricane. Only time will tell if we will be prepared for the next major storm or incident. Hopefully, the department will not make a gamble and maybe spend time to implement, and when necessary execute, a sound plan.



Fifth Precinct

by Joe Nocella

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MONTH TWO

After having been shut down for two months now, the chaos created by closing the fifth continues to worsen. It's fair to say there's been a closure related issue every day since we were shut down. Some minor, some not so minor, all completely unnecessary. We ask that you continue to notify one of the reps if you encounter a problem. Documentation is the key to reversing this ridiculous plan.

A DISASTER OF A DIFFERENT SORT

Just imagine ... Your world has been turned upside-down by a storm the likes of which you've never seen.

Your house has no power. You have no lights, and no heat. You have a house filled with extended family because the losses they suffered were considerably worse than your own. Night has fallen. You've spent the past twenty-four hours or so figuring out what you need to do to get your life back in order. The day is done, the kids are down for the night. You get into bed fully clothed to stay warm. You're hungry, your heart is heavy, and your mind is running a mile a minute. You're finally able to doze off when suddenly you're awakened by the bellowing sound of a "public safety announcement" being broadcast over the PA system of a police car. Now imagine that you, and everyone in your house, are kept up all night because that same message is broadcast throughout your neighborhood, every fifteen minutes, all night long.

CAD MAD

The above is just one example of the decision-making that made the heads shake with disbelief. Then came the variety of considerably bigger issues such as preparedness, manpower, and leadership.

Where to begin ... How about the constant barrage of threatening CAD messages? It seemed the only thing the department truly cared about was letting the cops know that if their orders were not carried out, we'd be the subject of discipline. "Wear your vest or you'll get a 59", "put on your overhead lights or you'll get a 59" ... every twenty minutes, the entire tour, for literally days on end. Such a fantastic idea ... A truly great way to keep everyone focused during a crisis situation. Talk about exhausting. Overhead lights, traffic vests, public safety announcements ... ALRIGHT ALREADY! WE GET IT!!! ... To think that someone was actually sitting in a room coming up with this stuff. And by the way, how was it these vests showed up so suddenly? Did the department have them all along? And if they did, why were they not issued sooner? Just thinking out loud.

IT WAS VERY MERRY

What a tremendous turnout for this year's kids party. Many thanks to Eric Surface, the Justice League aka: Tom Iannucci, Dan Fels, and Vinny Chiarelli, and Regina Chelune for making it a memorable day for one and all.



PBA TOP COPS OF 2012

Congratulations to Juan Giron, Tim Siar, Craig Russack, Dario Pierre, Chris Pribyl, Eddie Eilenberger, Kerry Harracksingh, John Wellenreuther, Mike Valente and Jason Gaertner on being honored as PBA Top Cops for 2012. The award ceremony was held at last month's holiday party, and yet again, the contingency from the fifth was robust. Congrats to you all.



FIFTH PRECINCT PRIDE HITS THE ROAD

Going on a trip? Take your fifth precinct coin wherever it is you go. This month's destinations ... Key West, Florida and the wedding nuptials of Victor and Denise Gladitz. You'll notice that one is a coin of a different kind ... Pretty damn cool!

Thanks to Tim Rooney and Vic Gladitz for taking the time to snap the photos. Last call for coins for a while, so if you don't have one yet, see Bill Hussain ... He'll be happy to hook you up with one.



EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...

This month's open meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 8pm. Come down and get the latest.



Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy

Happy New Year everyone, I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas and Holiday season. It seems like every year once we hit Thanksgiving the rest of the year just races past us.

I'd like to thank Mike Covais and his Delegates for putting together the Christmas party and inviting the Sixth to join in celebrating the Holiday season. I hope that word of the party gets back to those who did not attend and we can have an even better turnout next year. The Children's Christmas party was again a huge success and it's always great to see the little ones faces as they enjoy the party and their time with Santa. A big thank you goes out to Vanessa and Andy for all that they do for the party and to everyone else who assisted with the party that day. Let's not forget Santa who took time out of his busy schedule to stop by.

MORE MERGER

Although some believe that the merger is continuing to go smoothly and that it has been successful, many can tell you that it's not. Just ask everyone whose overtime payments have been delayed because of the overwhelming workload on the time office and a not so vigorous response by the Precinct administration to get it corrected. There is an unrealistic expectation and workload put on the Precincts by Headquarters and on the clerical staff of the Third by the C.O. The duties, tasks and reports that are required outnumber the staff that we have and things aren't getting done or they're not getting done correctly. Even at seven months into the merger there is still confusion and a lack of communication. There are still times when questions come up as to what and how things should be done. As with everything this Department does there was no in-depth planning when it came to these mergers and they only focused on eliminating the spots they wanted to cut. The administration assumed that all you had to do was move these people here, give this responsibility to this office and everything was going to be fine. As for the members of the Sixth Precinct, while everyone responds to their posts everyday and does their job they have lost their identity. We have been absorbed by the Third Precinct while our stationhouse has been taken over by Highway patrol and people feel that they don't have a Command to associate with. There was a sense of pride becoming a Nassau County Police Officer and saying that you belonged to a certain Precinct. You were connected to a group of people that stood together and it meant something. Now, the County and the Department have gutted the Precincts and that feeling is lost. Fear tactics and intimidation have taken the place of brotherhood and camaraderie with this current administration. It's easier to spout threats like, wear your traffic vests and patrol the backstreets or you'll get a 209 or, get on board or we'll give you a transfer than it is to lead. It takes a certain kind of person

to be a leader. Just because you get hired for a job or promoted to position does not mean that you are a leader. It's more than just chucking orders or putting fear into people and it's sad to say that from where I sit there are no leaders anymore. While most in the Third Precinct have accepted and welcomed us there is still a sense that we are a second thought when it comes to being part of the Command. Information doesn't reach us and we are left in limbo. While the Third Precinct has "The Detail" the plain clothes activity is overwhelmingly directed to within the confines of the original Third Precinct leaving the Sixth with no true plain clothes personal effectively giving the residents a reduction in service. This is something the County Executive said wouldn't happen with the mergers. Taking Sixth Precinct members into "The Detail" was just a way to boost its numbers leaving the residents of the Sixth Precinct without anticrime units to patrol their streets daily. While the boundaries and sectors of the Sixth Precinct still exist so should the plainclothes details that were dedicated to serving the communities within it. Even though the Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the PBA regarding the mergers states that all assignments and staffing of Officers will be as they were before the merger, Sixth Precinct members continue to be assigned to perform Fit for Confinement assignments for Village Department arrests that are from within the confines of the original Third Precinct or covered by the Third Squad. These assignments were the sole responsibility of the Third Precinct prior to the merger just as Fit for Confinements for Village Departments that are located within the confines of the Sixth Precinct were ours but Sixth Precinct members continue to be used inappropriately to perform them. These assignments were and should still be the responsibility of the original Third Precinct leaving the Sixth Precinct units to patrol their sectors instead of being used as an extra resource without a thought of depleting the staffing in the Communities of the Sixth Precinct. The C.O says that this type of assignment will be based on availability but it seems like we are the only ones deemed available. I wonder what the Third did before the merger? It's funny how it got done then, but it can't get done now.

TOP COP SEPTEMBER 2012

On September 30, 2012 at 1754 hrs Sixth Precinct Officers responded to a radio assignment for shots fired within the Village of Thomaston. The subjects were described as a male black and a male Hispanic who was observed carrying a black handgun during a fight. The complainant further stated that the two subjects were seen entering a grey Honda Civic and fleeing the scene. Police Officer Michael Dolan while canvassing the area in rmp 602 at approximately 1823 hrs located a grey Honda Civic matching the description of the vehicle that fled the scene in a parking garage located in Great Neck not far from the original scene. The Honda was occupied by a male black and a male Hispanic. Officer Dolan observed the backup lights activate on the Honda and positioned his vehicle to stop

the subject's car. Officer Dolan approached the vehicle and observed the male Hispanic passenger make furtive movements as if he was placing something or removing something from the side of the seat. Both subjects were instructed to place their hands on the dashboard and Officer Dolan radioed for assistance. Upon arrival of assisting Officers Garcia and Lacamera the subjects were removed from the vehicle at which time Officers observed clear plastic bags containing what was believed to be marijuana lying on the driver's seat. During a further search of the subject's vehicle additional bags of marijuana were found and a loaded black .380 auto pistol was found under the front passenger seat. The subjects were arrested and charged Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Menacing 2nd degree, Reckless Endangerment 2nd, and Criminal Possession of Marijuana 5th. It is because of his investigative drive and keen observation skills in locating these two subjects and taking another illegal gun off the streets that Police Officer Michael Dolan has been selected as our Top Cop for September 2012.

WISDOM FROM A FORTUNE COOKIE

What is right is often forgotten by what is convenient.

NEWSLETTER

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the newsletter, let me know. If there are any announcements, births or gatherings, I would be glad to submit them. Sometimes things do get by me, so drop me a note. If anyone else would like to submit an article, let me know.

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. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to Sgt Shea the new committee Supervisor, Glenn Demeo, Carlos Rivera or Ed Conroy.

OPEN MEETING

The PBA open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month (except for July and August). Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

Best Wishes for a happy
and healthy new year!

Seventh Precinct

by Tom O'Reilly

MERGER ON HOLD

It appears, if only temporary that the 1st and 7th precincts were given a stay of execution. On December 12th the department announced that the merger would be postponed for another 90 days. That puts us somewhere in the area of March, maybe the department thought better of doing the last merge because so far it has been a failure. Maybe it is the fact that RMS training started this week in the 7th pct and the merge along with RMS was too much of a strain on the limited amount of resources the department currently has. Those would all be good reasons not to do it, but no one from the departments executive staff has said this is a bad idea, it has been touted as a cost saving measure without a risk to public safety. I guess some will blame Hurricane Sandy but I bet the real reason comes down to politics, its all about someone looking good to their constituents.

I guess I shouldn't be so cynical, maybe the department, the county, and Legislature will actually do a real cost analysis of this merger. Review the hard data they have from the 3 other pct mergers and see if there is savings to the tax payers and at what cost. While they are at it why don't they also do a cost analysis of the RMS system to see if that is providing any cost savings to the department. How about they put out customer comment cards in the pcts, for our customers and see how satisfied they are with driving across the county to go to their local precinct, or sitting and waiting an hour or more to speak with a police officer in one of the merged precincts using RMS. What about the burglary victim that comes to his local precinct to speak with a detective and is told he needs to go to the community center. How do you think we will fare with those customer cards now?

Well as of now I will take this as an early Christmas present, even if only for a few more months, maybe smarter heads will prevail and rethink this plan. Some say the definition of lunacy is doing the something over and over and expecting different results. This can relate to a lot of different things in life.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our newly promoted Sergeants, Rich DiGiuseppe, Val Troise, and Greg Meyers, after nearly 3 years of the sergeant list being stagnant, promotions were finally made. In total 20 Police Officers/Detectives were promoted to the rank of sergeant. Though some may say that we don't need promotions now, I believe this was long over due. These men and women put in long and hard work to study for this test and should be rewarded, its also good for the job, we need to have movement throughout the Department. Congratulations to all the newly promoted and best of luck in your new assignments.

PRECINCT NEWS

I would first like thank Joe Hutter for running the kids Christmas Party, for the last several years Joe and his wife Stephanie did a tremendous job organizing this event. Joe was meticulous to make sure that everyone had a good time, to ordering the food, arranging the hall, party favors, candy for the kids and arranging Santa, he will be a tough act to follow. To my friend I thank you and Stephanie for everything you have done for us. You are the Best! As they say no one is irreplaceable though, knowing they are big shoes to fill our own Jay Kogan has stepped up to the challenge and will take over as the organizer of the kids party. So if you have any thoughts or ideas on how to make this party better, we are always looking for people to help, and I am sure Jay won't mind either.

Speaking of parties, we had our annual Holiday party December 5, at the Nutty Irishman, the feeling of the PBA Reps was that we would try and change things up and try a different venue. As you are all aware the past several years at Mulcahy's has seen less of a turnout, and we just look lost in such a big place. The idea was to go to a smaller venue that would accommodate us reduce the cost and try to get more of a turnout from the active members of the precinct. Though the turnout was good I felt that it could have been a lot better by the active members, I know some of us have to work and that not everyone can be off. I understand that we are all frustrated with what it is going on with the freeze and all the parties involved, I know I get it. Our functions are about us the cops, getting together socially and just blowing off some steam and having a good time with each other, everyday we go out there looking after one another, making sure at the end of the day we all go home.

Camaraderie is defined as mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together. If you have any ideas on how to make any precinct event better or ideas on a new event please don't hesitate to contact one of your PBA Reps.

Happy New Year!



Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

As we are about to enter into a new year I'm sorry to say that my message to all veterans is the same as I've tried to imply over my twenty-some years as a Legionnaire. Membership! Membership!

In a recent issue of the Legion's monthly magazine our National American Legion Commander gave us a few answers as to the importance of membership as far as veterans are concerned. There are fewer and fewer military vet-

erans serving our country in congress. From our country's Commander in Chief down we are being represented by those that have never shared in the life and struggles of being in the military service for their country. While this is not a fault by no means their own special agendas come first and they do not necessarily see to the veterans' needs as someone who has felt and understands those needs might.

When testifying before a joint session of the Congress Veterans Affairs Committees he was rewarded by the fact that both senators and representatives praised him for his input and were impressed by the Legion's "Systems Worth Saving" (SWS) reports and our suggestions for improving the GI Bill and more.

It makes sense for Congress to listen to our opinions for we are one of the largest organizations of wartime veterans. Right now we number close to 2.5 million members and our goal is to reach 3.3 million by 2019, the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. Membership makes our voice louder on Capitol Hill and gives us more influence in Congress and the White House.

As I've said many times our Post is unique just by the fact that we can only accept qualified veterans that are or have served on an accredited police department. This limits our base for membership so I am sure there are plenty of eligible men and women out there that could fill our void. The last few conflicts have left our veterans with some serious wounds, both physical and mental. A recent survey found that in female veterans almost 55 percent have had to avail themselves of care in our veteran hospitals and wellness centers. We cannot let our fellow veterans down. Their care and recovery must be put on the top agenda of all of congress and the president. But only through a strong and determined voice can this be assured.

Our Post speaks of only one organization of veterans but we speak for all through the American Legion's unified voice. Police Post 1050 meets on the second Tuesday of each month and we welcome all to come down and meet some of your fellow veteran officers, officers you've worked with and now wish for you to join them.



Columbia Police Association

by Frank A. Ruvolo, President

Wishing you continued health, happiness and success for 2013, I hope you have had a great Holiday Season. I am very proud to be the new President of the Columbia Police Association. I have been a member for 22 years since starting with Nassau in 1990 and have also been on the executive board for the majority of my membership. Our outgoing President Carmine has done more for the organization than anyone I know and thank him for his hard work and dedication, guidance and grooming of the new Executive Board during his term. I know I have some big shoes to fill and hope I can accomplish the task at hand.

I do hope the Holidays were pleasant and healthy for you and your families, and that the tragic loss and trying times of the past year in our Department are somewhat behind us. We will never forget the lives of the HERO officers we lost over the past few years, Charlie, Mike, Jeff, Joe and Artie who will always be in our hearts. And we will always remember their friendships and stories told over and over about each man, each a true hero with such an amazing story and network of loving friends and family standing behind them. At the January meeting, I will make a motion to make Police Officer Joseph Olivieri an Honorary Life member of the Columbia Police Association, as we did Mike Califano in 2011, please try to attend.

The Columbia Police Association has had an extremely busy past few months and we look forward to seeing our members get back into the swing of things and attend the monthly meetings. I feel the Fraternal Organizations are very important right now during the changing of this department, with the merging of the precincts and such, we need these groups to stay in touch, to talk about work and other than work issues, and just to meet new friends. Our organization, like many others was established to show pride in and promote our heritage or interest whatever it may be. If you are a member of ours or any other line organization or club, I urge you to attend the events and meeting's, these groups need the support of a strong membership. Start the new calendar year by joining or getting more active in any of the Fraternal Organizations.

Congratulations to the Department members that have been recently promoted. We are especially proud of Columbia Association members Dominick Calobrisi and Gary Stanzoni on their promotion to Lieutenant. Also promoted to the rank of Sergeant are members Richard DiGiuseppe, Christopher Ferro and Daniel Danzi, our past Executive Board members, Nick Passarella, our newly elected Sgt at Arms, and Valerie Troise, our Police Officer of the Year honoree from 2006. Best of luck to all members in their new assignments.

Some events our members attended recently to represent the C.P.A. were the NYC Dept. of Sanitation Columbia Association Dinner Dance at El Carib in Brooklyn on November 26, with 750 people in attendance. The Board also attended and supported the Nassau Sherriff's Dept. Columbia Association at their Installation Dinner held on November 30. Some Board members also attended the Robbery Squad Retirement Party for Fred Penna at Westbury Manor back on September 24, I was proud to present a retirement plaque to Detective Freddy Penna, a Past President of the CPA from 1995-98.

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

On the rescheduled date of November 19, the Anniversary Dinner-Dance was held at the North Ritz Club. We were concerned with the rescheduled date the attendance would be down, but we actually had a few more attend with 170 Guests. We honored Congressman Peter T. King who also swore in the new Executive Board. Also Honored was Businessman of the Year Dr. Raymond A. Mascolo, Police

Officer of the year First Precinct Police Officer Gene J. Piccirillo, and outgoing President, Carmine E. Soldano with a service award. Incoming Sergeant-at-Arms, Nicholas Passarella was presented with a plaque for his service in the United States Air Force Reserves. Pictured below left is Gene Piccirillo, his wife Camille and his partner Kevin Obrien. Pictured right is Dr. Ray Mascolo with his wife Evelyn.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Our annual Christmas dinner party was held on Monday, December 3rd, 2012 at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. We had a great turnout of members, Tony made some fantastic food, so much so that most left home with lunch or dinner for the next day, we drank some fine wine and we then handed out lots of door prizes to those attending, and each member was treated to holiday chocolate covered pretzels made by our own Trish O'Neil.

ANNUAL TRIP TO ARTHUR AVENUE

The Columbia Police Association again hosted a trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx on Monday, December 10th. The weather for the trip was a factor and may have kept some members and friends away, but those that attended had a great time. Attended by 13 people, we spent most of the day shopping for Italian Specialty items, eating lunch at Emilia's, a visit to lady of Mt Carmel Church and then eating again at the pastry shop. Attended again by many regulars this year, some new faces in the crowd included 1SQD Secretary Helen Smith and Anne Correa, Marilyn Held and Dorothy O'Sullivan of Communication Bureau.

THE CLASS OF LIFE FUNDRAISER

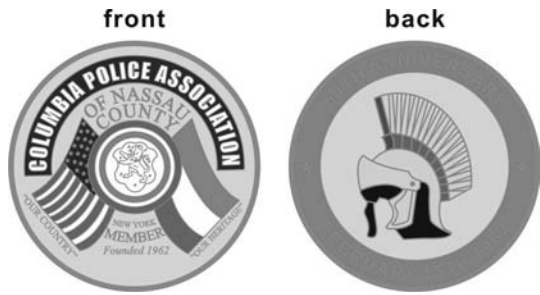
The Columbia Police Association also sponsored a Fundraiser at The Woodlands at Woodbury on December 17 to benefit Island Harvest Food Bank. Island Harvest was very busy during Hurricane Sandy and really filled the need for food during that trying time. Carmine arranged the event with the Woodlands and Singh Hospitality Group who

donated the hall and food. Our entertainment for the event was Paul Failla who performed his one man show also donated his show to benefit the cause and was a great success event. Paul and I were invited by two Italian Radio stations to talk on air about the show. All proceeds from the event were donated to Island Harvest. More details about the event will be published in next month's newsletter.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE COIN**

The Columbia Police Association now has our 50th Anniversary Challenge Coins available. These beautiful 1 3/4" diameter commemorative coins are available for \$10.00. Please see any officer for details.

Also, we always have embroidered shirts with our logo available to order, but also recently included a grey t-shirt with colored logo available for just \$10. Same logo as above/left or as seen on our website, they are great quality and wear well. We also have the challenge coins above, lapel pins and breast bars. Espresso cups may be soon to follow... Contact any board member to purchase.



MEETING NOTICE

The next two meetings will be Monday, January 14th, 2013 and Monday, February 11th, 2013 at Verona Restaurant. Please join us for great food and drink. I wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

If you'd like info on how to get more details or be included in our email list with meeting and event updates, call my cell at 516-359-5898 or email me at dept email or : frankcar108@aol.com

I look forward to the year ahead.
Fraternally
Frank Ruvolo/1SQD

The Columbia Police Association in completing the celebration of its 50th Anniversary in 2012 presents the ninth and final segment of the Association's history.

Association History – Segment-9 Final

May 4, 2012: 2nd Vice President Frank A. Ruvolo represents the Association at the annual New York City Police Columbia Association Awards night at the El Caribe in Mill Basin Brooklyn.

May 8, 2012: President Carmine E. Soldano and Chaplain Father Joseph J. D'Angelo represent the Association at the annual New York State Police Memorial Services in Albany, NY.

May 14, 2012: Treasurer Thomas J. Esposito organizes and presents a guest speaker, CPA Anthony D'Ambrosio. Tony, a former board member and retired member of the Department, gave a presentation on Estate Planning. The association presented Tony with a Recognition Certificate and Guest Speaker membership card with thanks for an interesting evening.

May 19, 2012: The Columbia Association hosted a membership table at the annual Police Family Day Open House at Police Headquarters from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Representatives from the association included President, Carmine E. Soldano, 1st-Vice President, John Leonardo, and 2nd-Vice President, Frank A. Ruvolo.

May 23rd, 2012: The Columbia Association attends the retirement party of Chief of Detectives, Jay S. Caputo. Party was held at the Chateau Briand, in from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Approximately 235 guests attended. President Carmine E. Soldano presented Chief Jay S. Caputo with a plaque from the Association. Also present were Fr. Joseph J. D'Angelo, D/LT Louis Monteleone, D/LT Thomas S. Iervese and retired Police Officer John Leonardo.

May 24th, 2012: The Columbia Association attends the Steuben Association Dinner Dance at the North Ritz Club, 274 Turnpike in . From 7:00pm to 1100pm. Approximately 150 guests attended. Members present were, Recording Secretary Louis Monteleone, Corresponding Secretary, Patricia L. O'Neil, and Sergeant at Arms, Fred Eavarone with his wife Elisabeth.

June 6th, 2012: Commissioner of Police, Thomas V. Dale, Chief of Department, Steven E. Skrynecki, and Chief of Detectives, John R. Capece picked out the 2012 Scholarship winners in the Commissioner's Office with President, Carmine E. Soldano, Treasurer, Thomas J. Esposito, and Recording Secretary, Louis Monteleone.

June 11th, 2012: President Carmine E. Soldano presides over his last meeting as president of the association and hands the gavel over to 2nd-Vice President Frank A. Ruvolo. In attendance for Carmine's last meeting were former Chief of Department, Anthony W. Rocco, Former Chief of Detectives, Jay S. Caputo, Chief of Detectives, John R. Capece, retired Inspectors Vincent J. Muscanera, and Richard Meyer, Past Presidents Joseph Bosco and Frederick Penna. Members and guest took turns thanking Carmine for his four (4) terms as President. The association presented Jay Caputo, John Leonardo, and Frederick Penna with Retirement Certificates. The association also presented John Conti, Frank DeCicco, and John R. Capece with Promotion Certificates. Patricia L. O'Neil was presented with a Recognition Certificate for working on and organizing the Association history, photos, and past newsletter articles.

June 13th, 2012: President Carmine E. Soldano presents Deputy Chief Marianne L. Thompson with a Promotion Certificate in her office at headquarters.

June 21st, 2012: 2nd Vice President Frank A. Ruvolo, Corresponding Secretary Patricia L. O'Neil, Sergeant-At-Arms Fred Eavarone, and members Salvatore Curcio, and Nicholas Passarella represent the Association at the annual New York City Fire Department Columbia Association

Dinner Dance at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach.

June 24th, 2012: The Association supports the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America, Inc. annual gala at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach with a full page commemorative journal ad.

June 27th, 2012: Member John J. Azzata as Commanding Officer of the Homicide Squad, presents member John A. DeMartinis with a retirement Certificate, Retired Member Card, and 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin at the Homicide retirement party. The party was held at the Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury, NY from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Approximately 150 guests attended.

June 27th, 2012: Honorary Membership Chairman, John R. Capece presents member Ernest J. Cipullo with a Retirement Certificate, Retired Member Card, Commissioner's Card and 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin at Commissioner Cipullo's retirement party. The party was held at Oheka Castle, 135 West Gate Drive in Huntington, NY from 6:00pm to 12:00am. Approx. 400 guests attended.

September 6th, 2012: 1st Vice President John Leonardo presents members Anthony Biancardi and Joseph Turchi with a retirement certificate, Retired Member Card, and 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin at the retirement party. The party was held at The Woodlands, in Westbury from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Approximately 150 guests attended.

September 10, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo organizes and presents a guest speaker, Christopher Bartolomeo of Stifel Nicolaus in . Chris and his associates gave a presentation on investment services. They were later given a recognition certificate and guest speaker card. The association presented member Robert Galgano with a Promotion Certificate on his recent promotion to Lieutenant.

September 24th, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo and 1st Vice President John Leonardo present Past President Frederick Penna with a retirement certificate, Retired Member Card, and 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin at his retirement party. The party was held at The Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike in from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Approximately 55 to 60 guests attended.

September 27th, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo and 1st Vice President John Leonardo, Past President Carmine E. Soldano, members Fred Eavarone and Gino Albanese attend the F.O.P. Lodge 69 Dinner Dance honoring Past President Joseph Bosco. The dance was held at the North Ritz Club, 1274 Jericho Turnpike in from 7:00pm to 12:00pm. Approximately 125 guests attended.

October 2nd, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo and Past President Carmine E. Soldano are invited to Italian Heritage Night hosted by NYC Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion, East End Ave, and E. 88th St., NYC. The cocktail party took place from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The invitation was extended by Ronald Cohen, Senior Advisor to the Mayor's Office. Frank and Carmine met veteran actor, Tony Lo Bianco and were able to take a photo with him.

October 7th, 2012: Association attempted to participate for a fifth year in the Town of Huntington Columbus Day Parade. President Frank A. Ruvolo called it off due to rainy weather.

October 8th, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo, Co-Sergeant-at-Arms, Salvatore Cuccio and Nicholas Passarella, with Father Joseph J. D'Angelo represent the Department in the 68th Annual Columbus Day parade in NYC. Members had breakfast with the Lt./Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in American and then marched with the Nassau County Sheriff's Columbia Association. This is Father Joe's first ever parade march in New York City.



October 9th, 2012: President Frank A. Ruvolo, Past President Carmine E. Soldano, Recording Secretary Patricia L. O'Neil, and co-Sergeant-At-Arms Salvatore Curcio and Nicholas Passarella attend County Executive Edward P. Mangano's first annual Italian Heritage Night at the Nassau County Executive building in Mineola. The Columbia Police Association of Nassau County was one of five honorees of the evening.

October 11th, 2012: Past President Carmine E. Soldano presents member Joseph A. DeCristina with a retirement certificate, Retired Member Card, and 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin at his retirement party. The party was held at The Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike in from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Approximately 55 to 60 guests attended.

October 24, 2012: 50th Anniversary Installation Dinner Dance at the North Ritz Club in Syosset is cancelled due to the murder of Emergency Services Police Officer, Arthur Lopez on October 23, 2012.

November 19, 2012: 50th Anniversary Installation Dinner Dance is held at the North Ritz Club, 274 Turnpike in Syosset. 170 Guests. Congressman Peter T. King swore in the Executive Board. Politician of the Year was Congressman Peter T. King, Businessman of the Year was Dr. Raymond A. Mascolo, Police Officer of the year was First Precinct Police Officer Gene J. Piccirillo, and outgoing President, Carmine E. Soldano was honored with a service award. Incoming Sergeant-at-Arms, Nicholas Passarella was presented with a plaque for his service in the United States Air Force Reserves. 11th edition of the Commemorative Scholarship Journal was published in conjunction with this dance. It was the 50th Anniversary Edition with a Gold cover.

December 03, 2012: Christmas party held at Verona Ristorante, Farmingdale 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Event organized by Lou Monteleone.

December 10, 2012: Third trip to Arthur Avenue, in the Bronx, organized by President Frank Ruvolo. Dinner was at Emilia's Restaurant located at 2331 Arthur Avenue.



Police Emerald Society, Nassau County, NY

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by Tom DeSane

Happy New Year. The last few months of our 50th anniversary year of 2012 included some great times and some trying times. We made it through and are now looking forward to many great times in our 51st year.

Congratulations to our incoming Executive Board for 2013 – 2014. Our new board is as follows: President Jamie Wilson, Headquarters. 1st Vice President Michael Pitcher, Old Brookville Police. 2nd Vice President John W. Trutt, E.S.U. 3rd Vice President Frank T. Arcuri, Seventh Precinct. Treasurer Scott J. Smith, N.Y.S. Park Police. Corresponding Secretary Raymond Thomas, Arson/Bomb Squad. Recording Secretary Thomas Arcuri, Eighth Precinct. Sergeant at Arms Sean P. Rourke, Oyster Bay Cove Police. Our Board of Directors will consist of Past President Thomas F. DeSane, Past President Peter A. McGinn, Past President Michael J. Fannon, Past President Louis Walker and Robert Blum. Best of luck to all for a successful two year term. Congratulations also to President Jamie Wilson on his recent promotion to Lieutenant.

As we all know, October was a devastating month. First, we lost two of our Brothers in blue. Police Officer Joseph Olivieri and Police Officer Arthur Lopez were killed in the line of duty. Many of our members attended their memorial services and will attend Police Memorial Week in Washington in May to pay our respects as their names are added to the granite walls of the national memorial. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. Anyone who needs information on attending Police Week, please contact us as soon as possible. We are expecting our allotted rooms to go fast.

As we were mourning their loss, we were hit with the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. Many of our members, family and friends suffered great losses during this event. Some lost everything. The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies has established a Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund to aid NCLEES members who suffered losses during the storm. For more information on making a donation or receiving help, go to their website, www.ncleesrelief.org.

Our annual 200 Club Raffle, which was scheduled to be held on November 3rd, has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 12th from 3pm through 7pm at The Nutty Irishman, 323 Main Street in Farmingdale. \$100 per raffle ticket includes admission for two, food, drinks, music and raffle prizes. The grand prize is \$7,500. There are still a handful of tickets left. Don't expect them to be available at the door. For tickets contact any Board Member or e-mail us at ncpdemerald@yahoo.com. Don't be left out.

Our annual Christmas Party was held in December at the Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale. All who attended had a great time. Thanks to Mike Pitcher for running the event.

Upcoming events this year include our Saint Patrick's Day Party on March 16th, Our Dinner Dance in May and our Golf Outing on June 6th. Stay tuned for updates.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, excluding July and August, at Peppercorn's in Hicksville and are free for our members to attend. Non members are welcome to attend and sign up at the meeting.

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we had 100 limited edition challenge coins minted. There are still a few on sale for \$10 each while supplies last. We also have commemorative shirts available for purchase.

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. STAY SAFE.

Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

Happy New Year. 2013. The last quarter of 2012 proved to be memorable for all the wrong reasons. Hurricane Sandy came to town and just upended many lives that running took a backseat to cleanups and extra work shifts. Races were cancelled including the New York City Marathon. Gyms were flooded. The Long Beach boardwalk long a mecca for runners was strewn about like a box of toothpicks dropped on the kitchen floor. So workouts were missed. Runs went undone. As weeks passed a sense of normalcy returned and runners got back to running and racing. At Rob's Run in Syosset, the foursome of Rocco Sinisi, Lesli Hiller, Frank Borgi and Joann Distler placed first in the mixed masters category. Also running was Gary Plotkin. Frank Borgi was one of over 1000 participants at the Ho Ho Ho 5k run in Bethpage. Mark Spottiswood and Lesli Hiller competed in the Wantagh Snowball 5 miler. Fly at the Owls 4 miler had John Barrett and Lesli Hiller who also ran the Garden City Turkey trot and finished 2nd in her age group. The NYS Parks Winter Run Series kicks off at Heckscher State Park on 1/13. Sunken Meadow on 1/20 and Caumsett Park on 1/27. All races are 5k and start at 11 am.



Mixed Masters Winners (Rocco Sinisi, Lesli Hiller and Frank Borgi).

Retired Column

by John Nosovitch

BOB BURDEWICK ... Sgtbob206@jj.net A year ago today, my Oncologist, confirmed by my second Oncologist, gave me a prognosis of 6 months to a year to live, "possibly" longer if the radiation and chemo worked. Well, as you can tell by this e-mail I'm now going to enter the next year and hopefully a few more after that! The treatments have been going well but when the cancer clears up in one place it begins in another. Radiation stopped a week ago and am now back on my chemo schedule as well as Hydration I.V.s. Everyone says my attitude is helping me in my battle since I decided NOT to just sit back, watch TV, drink and die! Thanksgiving is tomorrow and I've got a lot to be thankful for this year. Christmas is right around the corner and I'm looking forward to hitting the BIG 8-O on March 13th and will probably make arrangements for a big family party in some local restaurant. I miss the reunion events but the cancer on top of my C.O.P.D. breathing problem makes it impossible to get around well and it limits my activities, but I keep trying! Just wanted to give you an update and to also thank those of you who said a prayer and relayed your best wishes. I know it all helped and I thank you. Enjoy your holidays and my best wishes to all.

JOE GRELLA jgrella@tampabay.rr.com Well we are coming to the close of another year and unlike some of our Sisters and Brothers we are still here to see the sun rise. It was and still is a shame we lost Kay Watson, she and Ed were great supporters of the Nassau Blue Reunions. She always brought her hand made quilts and throws for the raffles. I spoke to Ed earlier this year and he said he was going to attend this up coming reunion and he advised me Kay had made some throws he is bringing. The sudden loss of Bob Hayes was also a shock. Like many others over the past 20 years they were fixtures. It was a desire of Richie Buchan to see the 20th. reunion, but there were other plans that we were not aware of. The reunion plans are moving right along, and it appears the pizza party on Fri. night is being well received. I was up north to visit my son Joe and family as well as my daughter Kris and her family. I brought my rifle up as well as my hand gun, and for the first time in many years the guns were physically removed from the case and make, model and serial numbers and cal. were recorded. I guess seeing the TSA represents the Fed government. I just registered my rifles. While Joe and I were in the mountains hunting his phone went crazy with calls and texts advising him of an order being cut. He was promoted to Sergeant and to report to the Police Academy on the 26th of Nov. How about that, Sgt. Joe Grella, again. He has come along way from the wide eyed little boy who would accompany me to Nassau County Pistol team matches and who worked at our range running targets and scores up to the range house during our Departmental Pistol matches, those were the glory days of pride in our organization. I would like to see that pride return before I go on eternal patrol. Prior to my coming on the job I

worked for Grumman. I remember the exit speech the then Pres. Clint Towl made when he retired. He said he would have made airplanes for the Navy for free if he could have, because he loved making airplanes and loved his country. He also warned when the money people takeover and the bottom line is all that matters then the company will be doomed. Well, where is Grumman ??? I think it sits next to the \$800 toilet seat next to the \$200 ash trays. Only time will tell how things will shake out for the job and our Nation as a whole. We are all set with the arrangements for the Christmas party. I hope see you at THE COP HOP LOL. in January. {We will be there}

BOB NIVEN... nivenrv29@aol.com, or rniven@edison.edu Hi John, First let me thank you for continuing to keep the Retired Members column alive and well in the Newsletter. I have been living here in Naples for just under thirty years. After running a small business with my wife and retiring from my second Police Department in 2000, I have been teaching the Criminal Justice Curriculum at the Naples campus of Edison State College for the last twelve years. Have recently cut down to two four hour mornings a week. It is fun. I expect to keep at it of another year or so. Sorry to say because I was having my left hip replaced that I missed the 50 year reunion of the academy class of June 15th 1962. I would like to know how many of the old geezers attended. But thanks to my old pal Jack Riordan, I did get to the May monthly meeting in Oceanside of the Fourth Pct. retirees. It was great to see Jack along with Fred Autenrith, Bob Morris, and several others of the old gang. It was a real treat to see Tom Giordano after at least 25 years..Tom was a great cop. I believe Tom is the most decorated of all 4th pct officers. I learned a great deal from him.

ODDS and ENDS. Congratulations to Greg and Janet Vazquez they celebrated their 56th anniversary on November 24th..Great Hearing from John and Loraine Rinaldi, looking forward to seeing you..

Sorry to hear of the passing of the President of Nassau Blue South Bob Hayes...Deepest Sympathy to Pat Hammersmith, widow of Guy on the loss of her mother..

HEALTH and WELFARE...

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Get Well Wishes to George Kenny, Ralph Torres, Tom Lynch and to John and Sue Collier Get well soon..

WRITER'S THOUGHTS

It is a new year, the decorations all put away for another year.. So how about writing to let everyone know how your holidays went..

Remember it is your column...

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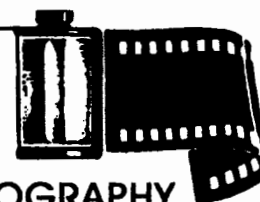
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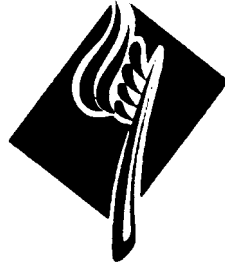
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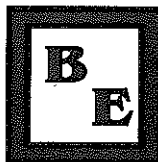
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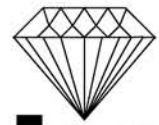
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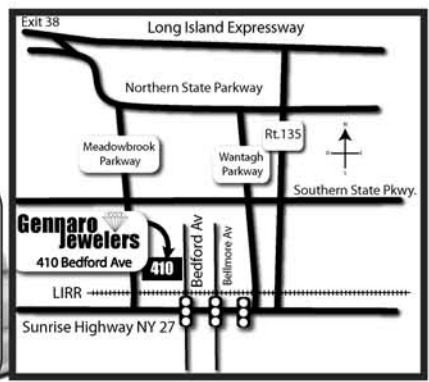
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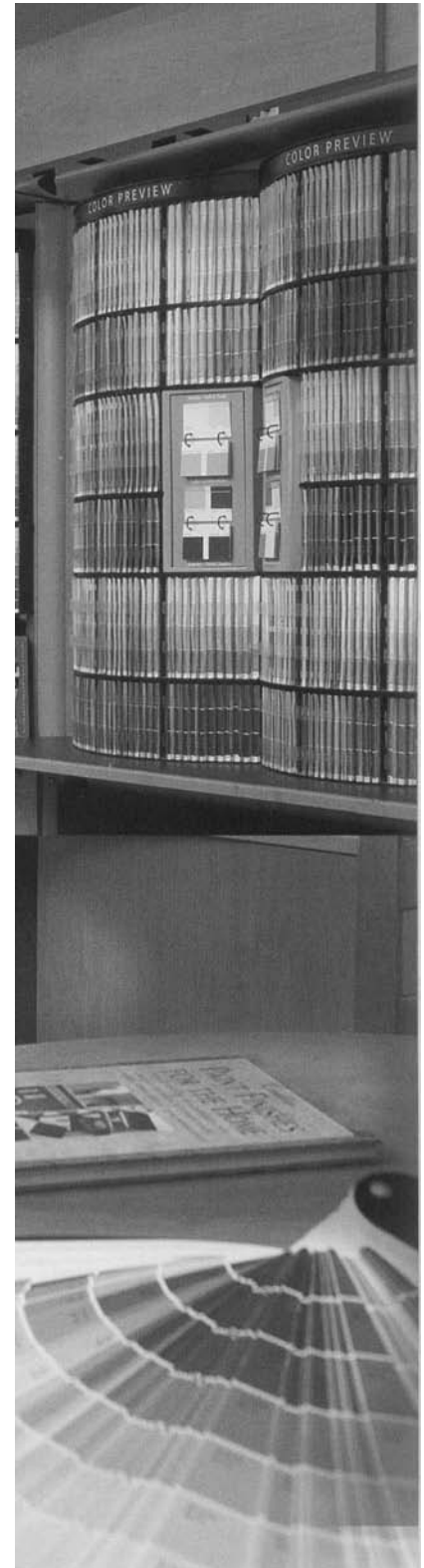
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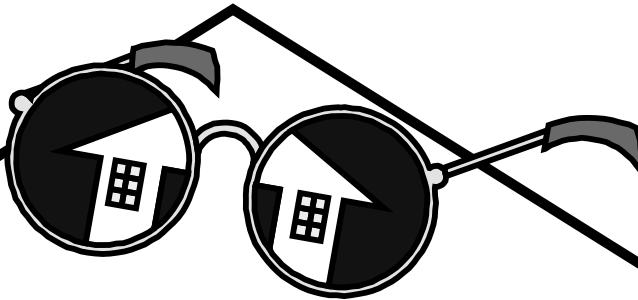


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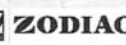
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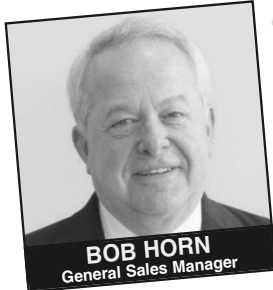


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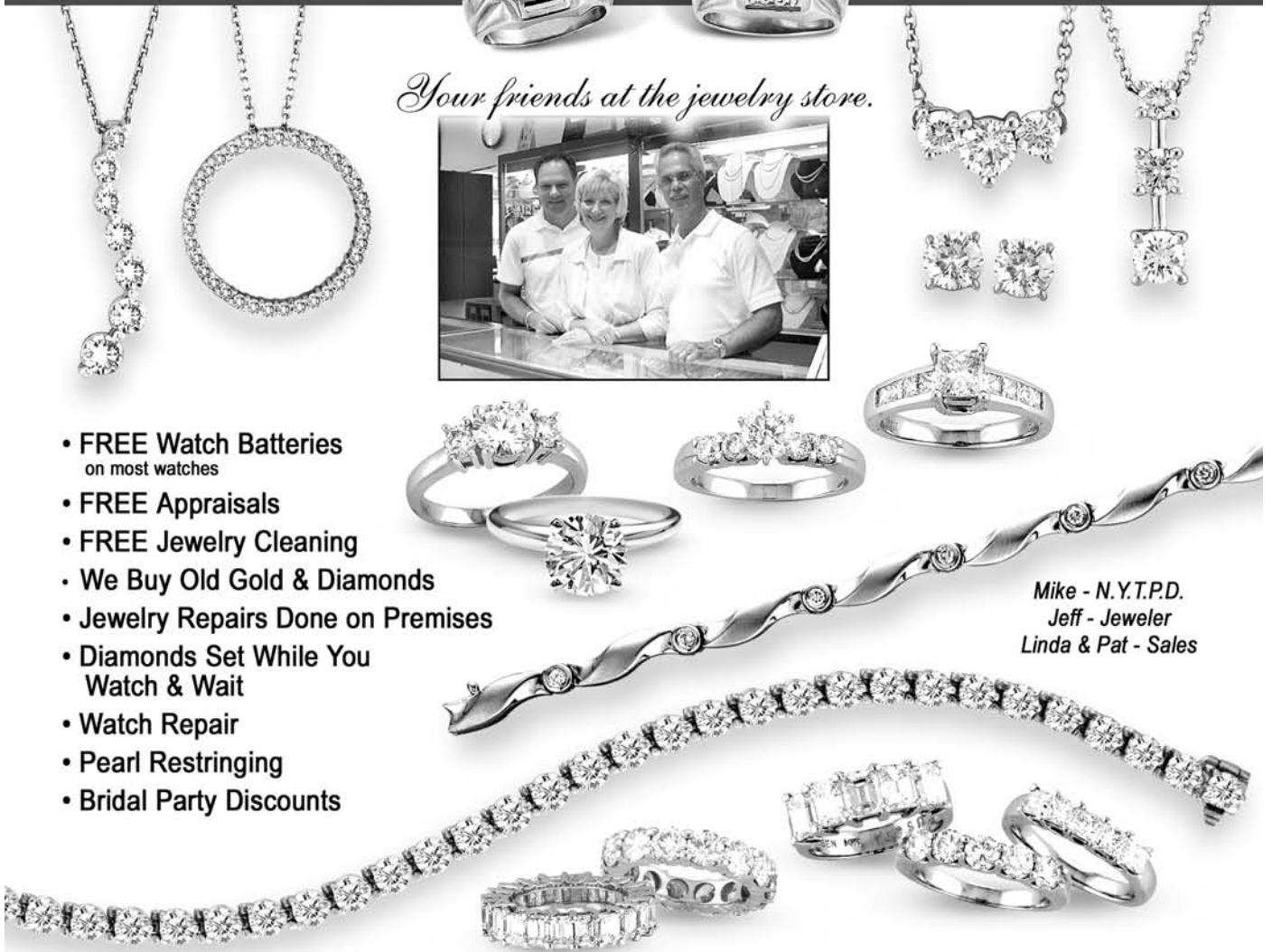


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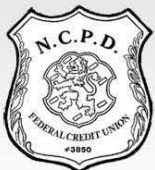


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