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From The Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

ELECTION AND CONTRACT VOTING

I've written about this union's voting process in the past and I think it's appropriate to revisit the subject periodically. Every election or contract vote members question how ballots are handled and the information on them. I'll try to describe, in as much detail as possible, the process from start to finish.

The PBA contracts with American Arbitration Association of NYC to handle all aspects of any election or contract vote. Once the ballot, the date of mailing the ballots and the day the ballots will be counted on is agreed upon, American Arbitration processes everything.

American Arbitration supplies and mails the ballot, the secret envelope and the return envelope to members addresses which are supplied by the PBA. These mailing labels are taken from the PBA membership information on file at the PBA office. If you've moved or are not sure the PBA has your correct address call the office to verify we have the right info.

Ballots are mailed directly from American Arbitration on one specific date to conform to the PBA by-laws pertaining to how long ballots must be out before a vote count. When you receive your envelope, it will contain a return envelope, another envelope marked Secret Ballot and a ballot. The instructions on the top of the ballot are clear and must be adhered to.

SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE

Mark the box next to the name of the candidate(s) of your choice. Do not put your name, initials or any identifying marks on the ballot. Ballots containing any identifying information will be voided.

Place your ballot inside the small white envelope that has the words **SECRET BALLOT** on the front, and seal the envelope. Place the sealed SECRET BALLOT envelope inside the business reply envelope addressed to the American Arbitration Association.

YOU MUST FILL IN YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND SERIAL NUMBER ON THE BUSINESS REPLY ENVE-LOPE. PLEASE DO NOT COVER OR DAMAGE THE CONTROL NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPE!

The American Arbitration Association will use this information solely for control purposes. The secrecy of your vote will be protected because the SECRET BALLOT envelopes are separated from the business reply envelopes before counting. ENVELOPES RECEIVED WITHOUT VOTER ADDRESS INFORMATION OR CONTAINING DAM-AGED CONTROL NUMBERS WILL BE VOIDED.

Mail the business reply envelope as soon as possible. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States. YOUR BUSINESS REPLY ENVELOPE MUST BE MAILED IN TIME TO REACH THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIA-TION BEFORE 12:00 NOON.

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BALLOT CLOSELY.

After you have checked the box on your ballot, sealed the ballot in the secret ballot envelope and sealed the secret ballot envelope in the return envelope you have to fill out the outside of the return envelope. Once you mail your ballot, it goes directly to American Arbitration. American Arbitration stores the unopened ballots until the day of the count. On the day of the count, the PBA election committee observes the handling, opening and counting of all of the ballots. As described above all of the unopened secret ballot envelopes are separated from their return envelopes and randomly piled together. They are then opened and counted. No one from the PBA ever touches an envelope or ballot.

Here are some of the common mistakes members make when they send in their ballots.

Doesn't put their ballot in the SECRET ENVELOPE.

Doesn't fill out the outside of the RETURN ENVELOPE. Alters or damages the CONTROL NUMBER on the return envelope.

As soon as you get your ballot, fill it out and mail it back!

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

President's Message

by James Carver

Just over a year ago we were cleaning up after Sandy, which followed the Line of Duty Deaths of Police Officer Joseph Olivieri on October 18,2012 and Police Officer Artie Lopez on October 23,2012. On the anniversary of their deaths the PBA attended prayer services for both of these heroes who were taken from us much too soon. This department over the past few years has suffered the tremendous loss of 5 of our officers starting with Mike Califano in February of 2011 and followed by Geoff Brietkopf In March and then Charlie Cole in August of 2011. It is great to see how everyone has pulled together to keep these officers memories alive.

NIFA LAWSUIT

On October 21st our attorneys filed an Article 78 in State Supreme after the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals punted the State Statutory argument to State court in our lawsuit against the County and NIFA for freezing our steps and wages. Judge Wexler issued an order closing our case on the Federal constitution question until the State court decision comes out. It is unknown how long it will take the Article 78 to work its way through the courts for a final decision. It is anticipated that whoever does not get a favorable decision at Supreme Court will appeal to the court of appeals. We will keep you posted via emails as the lawsuit progresses.

As of this writing we are still working to try to reach a settlement that at the very least will reinstate wages and steps going forward while continuing the lawsuit for back pay.

On Tuesday November 5th countywide elections are being held. It is important that everyone makes sure they get out to vote and encourage their families to do the same

Nassau County PBA - 2013 PAC Endorsements

County Executive	
Comptroller	
County Clerk	Maureen O'Connell
District Attorney	Kathleen Rice
County Legislator – 1st	No Endorsement
County Legislator – 2nd	
County Legislator – 3rd	
County Legislator – 4th	5
County Legislator – 5th	
County Legislator – 6th	
County Legislator – 7th	
County Legislator – 8th	
County Legislator – 9th	
County Legislator – 10th	
County Legislator – 11th	
County Legislator – 12th.	
County Legislator – 13th	
County Legislator – 14th.	
County Legislator – 15th	No Endorsement
County Legislator – 16th	
County Legislator – 17th	No Endorsement
County Legislator – 18th	David Gugerty
County Legislator – 19th	David Denenberg
Hempstead Supervisor	
Hempstead Clerk	
Hempstead Town Council – 1st	
Hempstead Town Council – 4th	
Hempstead Town Council – 6th	
North Hempstead Supervisor	-
North Hempstead Clerk	
North Hempstead Town Council –1st.	
North Hempstead Town Council –3rd	
•	-
North Hempstead Town Council –5th	
Oyster Bay Town Supervisor	
Oyster Bay Town Clerk	
Oyster Bay Town Council	Joseph Pinto
Oyster Bay Town Council	
Oyster Bay Town Council	
County Court Judge	
County Court Judge	-
2nd District Court Judge	
3rd District Court Judge	
3rd District Court Judge	Frank Doddato
3rd District Court Judge	Lesli Hiller
4th District Court Judge	Rhonda Fischer
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Date

Re:

Dear Dr.

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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

By:

Milan Rada, Esq.

NASSAU COUNTY PBA

JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE

REVIEW FORM

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

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

NAME:		COMM	AND:	SERIAL #:			
DATE OF COUR	Т:		COURT:				
JUDGE:							
DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER:							
IMPARTIALITY:							
GENERAL RATING:							
COMMENTS:	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:

NA	AME	_ SERIAL#	_	
		COMMAND		
		_ TIME SEEN		
I#_		-		
ΕX	AMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON)			
M	AO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE)			
1.	Was a medical exam conducted?	Yes	No	
2.	What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?)			
3.	Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the exam use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk	- · ·	oss,	
	etc.)?	0 0 0		
4.	How long did the medical exam take?			
5.	5. Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty? Ye		No	
6.	Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of you	ır 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	n or MAO Supervisor?		
7a	7a Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations? Yes		No	
8.	3. 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 profes	sionally? 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 wa	y 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	i 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 the	at 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.

The question of whether an injury in the line of duty constitutes an "accident" or not, continues to be an issue of great concern to members of the department. Of course, an "accident" is required to meet the eligibility for a tax-free, 75% (of final average salary) disability pension. If the injury is determined not to be an accident, then the injured police officer is entitled to a tax-free, 50% (of final average salary) disability pension PLUS any Workers' Compensation Benefits that become payable to the injured police officer. Although Workers' Compensation Benefits are now at the highest rate that they have ever been, approximately \$803.21 per week for injuries that have occurred after July 1, 2013, this Workers' Compensation Benefit is no longer payable lifetime. Workers' Compensation Benefits are capped at around five or six years, unless a severe injury has resulted in a "total and permanent" disability, in which case Workers' Compensation payments are capped at 10 years with the possibility of extending this period of time. So, a police officer collecting a 50% disability retirement pension from the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System, will lose his/her Workers' Compensation Benefits after the capped period, remaining with the 50% tax free performance of duty disability pension. However, Workers' Compensation medical benefits remain payable lifetime with no cap.

In the case of a police officer receiving a 75% accidental disability retirement pension, any Workers' Compensation benefits payable will offset the accidental disability pension dollar for dollar. If for some reason the Workers' Compensation Benefits stop, then 75% accidental disability pension will pick up that deduction and the full 75% pension will be paid by the Retirement System. Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits are payable in addition to 75% disability benefits, 50% disability benefits, as well as service retirements. However, the standards for meeting entitlement for either 75% disability benefits or 50% disability benefits are not the same and differ in the definition of disability.

In an attempt to clarify what constitutes an "accident" for ³⁄₄ purposes, I will review the case of Matter of Hunce v. DiNapoli, [106 AD3d 14271], which involves a City of Mount Vernon Police Department lieutenant. He was a veteran of 18 years on the job. On May 5, 1995, on patrol in his marked RMP, the lieutenant responded to a call that an individual was breaking into a car. When the lieutenant arrived at the scene of the break in, the perp fled and the lieutenant began pursuing the perp on foot. During the pursuit, the lieutenant came upon a chain-link fence about five feet tall, which stood between him and the perp. The lieutenant proceeded to climb the fence. As the lieutenant placed one of his feet on the cross bar at the top of the fence, the bar bent inward under his weight, causing him to fall to the ground and sustain injuries.

The lieutenant later applied for ³/₄ accidental disability under the Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). The

application was denied because the Retirement System determined that the injury was not the result of an "accident" within the meaning of RSSL Sect. 363. A hearing followed and the Hearing Officer found otherwise and ruled that the injury was the result of an "accident," thereby entitling the lieutenant to receive ³/₄ accidental disability retirement benefits. The Retirement System, via the Comptroller, disagreed with the decision of the Hearing Officer and overturned the favorable decision, finding that the injury was an "accident".

The Appellate Division, Third Department, received the case via the lieutenant's filing an Article 78 request for review. The Appellate Division wrote that to be an "accident," the precipitating event must be a "sudden, fortuitous mischance, unexpected, out of the ordinary, and injurious in impact." The Court noted that, "Significantly, 'an injury which occurs without an unexpected event as the result of activity undertaken in the performance of ordinary employment duties, considered in view of the particular employment in question, is not an accidental injury." "The burden of proof is upon [the person bringing] the Article 78 to demonstrate that the injury occurred as the result of an accident and the Retirement System's determination will be upheld if supported by substantial evidence.

The Court went on to observe that, "At the time he was injured, petitioner [the lieutenant] was performing his regular duties pursuing a fleeing suspect on foot as he had done many times before. This Court has recognized that the 'pursuit of a suspect is an ordinary employment duty of a police officer. Moreover, petitioner [the lieutenant] testified that climbing fences was a frequent activity undertaken in such pursuits. While he [the lieutenant] maintained that there was a defect in the fence that caused it to 'bend and break out of its stanchion,' no evidence of a defect was presented at the hearing." The Court went on to note "that the bending of the fence under petitioner's [the lieutenant's] weight is an event that could be reasonably anticipated even if an underlying defect was not visible." The Court therefore concluded that the incident was an inherent risk of petitioner's (lieutenant's) employment and that substantial evidence supports [the Retirement System's] determination."

So, although the Hearing Officer found in the lieutenant's favor, the Retirement System maintains jurisdiction of the case and reviews the decisions of the Hearing Officers. The Retirement System can, therefore, overturn a favorable decision of the Hearing Officer. This case not only provides a rather detailed explanation of what constitutes an "accident" within the meaning of the law, it also demonstrates that a favorable decision from the Hearing Officer can be reviewed by the Retirement System and found to be incorrect causing a favorable decision to become an unfavorable one.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding ³/₄ or ¹/₂ disability pensions, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability Benefits, Veterans' Disability Benefits, Zadroga claims or personal injury lawsuits, please do not hesitate to contact us, Fusco, Brandenstein & Rada, P.C. the official disability counsel to the PBA, at 516.496.0400, ext 4403, or by fax at 516.496.1073 or by e-mail at mrada@fbr-



First Pecinct

by Maureen Mazur

WHAT P.O. ...

Started playing the piano and singing a made up song "Julie", on a call, and the complainant joined in on the song?

WHAT BOSS...

Has broken 2 chairs at the front desk and blames it on the floor boards?

CONGRATS

To Natalie Novello on the birth of her daughter and Chris Maher on the birth of his twin girls.

FARLEY'S FOLLIES

Answer to last months riddle...charcoal.

What makes more noise dead than alive when stepped on?

See next month's for the answer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Retirement party November 6 at the Coral House, 1830-2330, \$75 p/p, please contact any PBA delegate or the pct trustee if you are interested in attending.

Retirees are the following:

Jimmy Rohan, Bill Schnell, Kevin Brady, Basil Yorio, Craig Braun, John Halmo, Paul Greisheimer, Dafni Gross, Mark Lentini, Louie Rivera, Billy Heffernen & Mary

Second Precinct

News From The 02 November 2013 Edition Brought To By "The Beef" You Can Email At cebo209@yahoo.com

BEEF'S MOVIE/SONG QUIZ

In 1973 song was released by British band Argent. It has been covered by many artists, including Petra, Midtown, The Truth, Bride and Oficina G3. The song was remade by Kiss for the film Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey in 1991

Extra Point Q: Who won Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actor in the movie

George Carlin William Sadler Keanu Reeves Alex Winter



NEW CARS

We can see-em, they're here and any day now they'll be out on the streets.

Not for me though, I hear because of all my constant bitching and moaning I'm slated to get a brand new spacious Prius to squeeze my rather large Gluteus-Maximus-Largus into LOL.

With the current conditions we find most of the RMP's in - anything or any new car will be a welcome addition to patrol.

VOTE

By the time you read this newsletter you'll have a received a ballot in your mail, follow the directions and take the time to vote. (I'm lieutenant Winter and I approve this message) come on now it's not like I said Big Blue

EVENTS

2nd Pct Holiday Party December 11th PBA Party December 12th



(L-R) sitting: Mike Kitson, Brent Cook, Joe Gavin; standing: Greg Morga, Mike Salvemini, Joe Pagliuca, Kevin McHugh , Christ Clark (active).

Third Precinct



ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES

A few months ago, part of our lawsuit was kicked to State Court, while the other half remains in Federal Court. While that all happened, we had NIFA chairman Ronald Stack and a totally uncooperative NIFA board on our hands. So, the choices we had were to do nothing, stay frozen and continue the fight in both courts or come up with a way to force Nifa to get involved. So we met with Mangano and hammered out a deal. The plan was to send the deal to a membership vote, count the ballots on Friday, October 4th, send the deal to the Legislature on Monday, October 7th then Mangano would present the deal to NIFA and force them to make a decision.

Well, during the implementation of this plan, the game changed. Governor Coumo got involved and appointed three new people to the NIFA board. We saw this as good news. Yes, it did force us to alter our plan, but we got rid of Ronald Stack and we gained a much more cooperative NIFA. John Kaiman, our new NIFA Chairman, was willing to sit down with the unions and talk about a deal.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kaiman said that he would not approve a deal that included retro monies, which caused us to scrap the last deal that we had in place. So as I write this article, Jimmy Carver and the Executive Board continue to meet with Mangano and the NIFA Board in hopes of working out a deal that gets all cops to where they should be on the pay scale if a pay freeze had never been implemented.

We will just have to continue to be patient while these talks progress. Hopefully by the time this article prints, we will have a deal that is pre-approved by NIFA and Mangano.

Most of these curve balls that keep getting thrown our way are out of our control, but Jimmy Carver and our Executive Board have done an outstanding job of rolling with the punches.

TOP COP (MAY 2013) POLICE OFFICER JAMES DUPONT

On May 19, 2013 at approximately 7:39 PM, Officer Dupont and Officer Rane received a 911 call from a female caller for a Domestic Disturbance between her and her husband. Officer Dupont was met at the curb by the female complainant who stated that she had a verbal argument with her husband and that he was upstairs packing some clothes because he intended to leave the house. Officer Dupont followed the complainant into the house. A few minutes later, Officer Rane arrived on scene. Officer Dupont was standing at the table securing information from the victim when he heard the complainant's husband walking down the stairs. The husband walked past Officer Rane, around the dining room table and lunged at Officer Dupont, grabbing his service weapon with both of his hands and was attempting to remove the gun from his holster. The defendant knocked the Officer back into the wall and Officer Dupont fell to the floor. The defendant continued to try to remove the Officers firearm from his holster. Officer Dupont maintained possession of his weapon with one hand and placed the other hand on the defendant's face in an attempt to push him off. The defendant was able to get the release open on the holster and continued to try to remove this firearm. The Officers gave the defendant repeated commands to let go of the weapon to which he refused to comply. At one point, Officer Rane was able to pull the defendant up so Officer Dupont could get back onto his feet as he was trapped on the floor and against the

wall with the defendant standing over him. It required the use of a Monadnock to get the defendant to release his hands from the Officer's service weapon and to comply with their orders. The Officers were then able to place the defendant into custody.

Officer DuPont suffered substantial pain swelling and bruising to his right hand and fingers and was transported to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

SAVE THE DATE

Kids Christmas Party- December 7th PBA Christmas Party- December 12th Precinct Christmas Party- December 18th GO HOME SAFE, ITS ALL THAT MATTERS

Fourth Precinct

by Greg O'Neill

The Fourth precinct representatives would like to wish Kevin Tobin a happy and healthy retirement. Kevin has been a union representative for over 30 years. His experience, wisdom and tireless work ethic will be missed. We appreciate everything you have done for the members and our job.

NIFA UPDATE:

As of October 15th, NIFA, the County and the PBA have scheduled a meeting to discuss our current deal, which was overwhelmingly voted for by our membership. NIFA has apprehension with agreeing to pay the retro portion of the deal. The board will continue to fight for what is best for the membership. Any updates or information pertaining to deal will be forwarded along to the membership when it becomes available. Hopefully by the time this article is published this issue has been resolved and we can all move forward. As always, please contact a PBA representative with any questions or concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday December 7 – Kid's Christmas Party at Hewlett Fire House

Monday December 9 – Precinct Holiday Party at Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale

Thursday December 12 – PBA Holiday Party at the Long Island Marriot in Uniondale

Next Open P.B.A. meeting Thursday, November 21 at the PBA Office

Fifth Precinct



by Joe Nocella pbanewsletter@yahoo.com

COMING TO A HEAD

As I sit and write this article, the wage and step freeze situation is coming to a head. The union has worked tirelessly to end this injustice, and one can only hope that by the time this comes to print, it will all be behind us.

Through all of it, it is imperative that we understand how we came to be in this situation. The national movement to dismantle organized labor is gaining steam, and Nassau County has quickly become its poster child.

TOP COP

Congratulations to Police Officer John Wellenreuther on being voted fifth precinct Top Cop for August, 2013. Here's the scenario ...

Officer Wellenreuther responded to the third precinct to assist officers responding to a New Hyde Park home invasion where one of their own had been shot. While responding to set up a perimeter, John observed movement coming from under a parked car in the driveway of a nearby residence. After exiting his RMP to investigate, John observed a subject emerge from under the car and flee to the rear of the darkened home. Due to heavy radio traffic, PO Wellenreuther was unable to transmit his location and request backup. John took up a position outside the house, weapon drawn, and observed the subject attempting to exit the residence. After having seen John outside, the subject retreated back into the home. The subject then emerged from the house and a foot pursuit ensued. With the assistance of a third precinct unit and canine, the subject was caught and placed into custody.

A dedicated police officer going the extra mile in aid of one of his comrades. Selfless, competent, professional ... all words that can describe how John, once again, handled himself during a very difficult situation.

To those who live only to vilify police officers, take note ... This is what our job is all about.

GREENER PASTURES

Retirements, transfers ... Lots of movement over the past few months. Gary Hamilton, Mike Flynn, Matt Landman, Jason Vinberg, Jimmy Nellis, Rubens Edouard, Hector Rosario ... Be it BSO, Records Bureau, the DD, or the couch, nothing but best wishes to you all.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...

Mangano, Suozzi, the Legislature, NIFA, lawsuit, wage freeze ... WOOF! The next PBA open meeting is Thursday, November 21st at 8pm.



Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy Pba006@verizon.net

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, it's hard to believe it's November already. The fall is a great time of

year, with the cooler weather, changing foliage and the holidays just around the corner. But not everything is so nice. It is also the time of year when there is an upswing in crime and domestic related incidents due to the pressures of the holidays and the still troubled economic situation that many are in, so be careful out there. Desperate people do desperate things and the pressure of providing a nice holiday for some causes people to obtain the things needed by any means. In the past the Department would start Holiday Patrols in all commands just after Thanksgiving for the Black Friday weekend and continue them until after Christmas. These details used to alleviate some of the increased workload on the sector cars by making the details responsible for the shoplifter arrests. These units also served as a deterrent by being a visible presence in shopping malls and areas. Now if you are a Command that is lucky enough to get these increased patrols their duration has been reduced to a couple weeks at best. Just another example of the doing more with less mantra that has become the new way of conducting Policing for the Nassau County Police Department. I'd like to know what technological advances or new age super equipment that is in our mobile precincts that will assist us in handling these issues. Nothing can replace the Cop on the street. You can have every gadget created for Police work but they are useless without a Police Officer. The primary resources that keep residents safe are police officers and without an adequate number of personnel we are left scrambling.

TOP COP JUNE 2013

On June 10, 2013 police Officer Tim Kelly working a 0700 to 1900 hrs tour of duty responded to a residential burglary in the Village of Flower Hill. Unknown subjects broke into a home and stole a motorized wheelchair belonging to the disabled victim. Officer Kelly conducted a canvas and obtained vital information about the incident. He located potential witnesses and discovered digital evidence of the crime. Officer Kelly was able to ascertain the names of the subjects involved and contacted the Third Squad with the information. With assistance of the Third Squad Officer Kelly was able to arrest two subjects for the Burglary and theft of the wheelchair. The wheelchair was later located and returned to its owner. It is because of Officer Kelly's attention to detail, proper canvass and keen investigative skills that these two individuals where located and arrested for their crimes and this is why he was chosen as our Top Cop for June 2013.

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 committee Supervisor, Glenn Demeo, Carlos Rivera or Ed Conroy.

OPEN MEETING

The PBA monthly open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month with the next meeting being held on November 21st. Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, stay safe.



Ryder Cup Champions again!!

Seventh Precinct

by Bobby Greulich

In the ever-changing world of politics where things change minute to minute so does our deal with the County. By the time this newsletter is published I hope we have some closure to a few things like the County Executive election, Nifa's answer to our deal, the location of Hoffa's body or the identity of the shooter on the grassy knoll. I may be hoping too much but only time will tell. The lawsuit is going forward in State Court with the appeal and Judge Wexler is awaiting the results before continuing with the Federal lawsuit if needed.

Congratulations to Jeff Drapal on his long overdue transfer to the Range. Civil Service has extended the sergeant's list 'til April 2014 and the hiring list 'til March 31, 2014. Best of luck to the members who took the sergeant's test, it took a commitment on your behalf and hopefully the department will promote a lot from this list.

If you have not gone to the range or owe any paybacks please contact the time room.

I would like to put out there some info on when you get injured at work. If you get hurt while working you have 7 days to report it to the department. I know we all think it's minor when it happens but it can get worse over your days off. You can do a non-recordable injury form which covers the notification to the department and documents your injury in case it gets worse. If you need medical attention then go to the hospital and get examined.

If you get medical attention then you must do an aided pack and see the police surgeon when applicable. If you get medical attention you must also call the attorneys and start your workers comp case to cover any medical bills and seek any benefits you may be entitled to. One of the problems we have is when members get medical attention but never start the workers comp proceedings. Members get bills from the hospital or collection agencys because they never contacted the workers comp attorneys to get their workers comp number relating to that injury. The department does the C-2 form but it's up to us to do the C-3 form to protect our rights. If you have any question reach out to any PBA rep for more information.

Emergency Ambulance Bureau

by A.M.T. Arnie Katz

As the fall season takes hold, I can't help but think about all that has occurred in the past year. The members of EAB stand with our brothers and sisters throughout the department as we mark the first anniversary of the loss of Joe Oliveri and Artie Lopez. May their families find peace and may they continue to know that Joe and Artie's co-workers will always be there to support them.

We also look back on a year since Sandy came to visit. The members of this department stood up to her well and handled anything and everything thrown our way. Lots learned and hopefully, our well defined professionalism will be groomed to an even higher standard. For me, it was surreal as I worked the EAB detail in Long Beach, the town where I was raised, and witnessed the devastation this storm brought to many lifelong friends.

EAB NEWS

Congratulations to AMT Matt Kondrup and his wife Alissa on their marriage. The happy couple have just returned from their honeymoon in Italy and Matt is already whining about American coffee!

We also congratulate AMT Mike Merolle and AMT Paul Brodowsky for their fine work in saving the life of a male in cardiac arrest this past April. Mike and Paul will be honored by St. Joseph''s Hospital at their EMS awards dinner on November 6th.

Receiving feedback from my first article last month, I posted a section titled "mini-medics". To clarify, my sincere apologies go to AMT Christina Cosentino and AMT Joe Dasaro, who are recognized as "mini-medics", however, I was referring to newborn babies!

TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

In this section, I'd like to address the issue of distracted drivers and the danger it poses to us as responders. Regardless of the law, or even good common sense, texting while driving is rampant among drivers today. Teens and adults alike are harnessed to their cell phones and these text conversations have become the priority while driving, secondary to safe operation of the vehicle. With this in mind, we must always be cognizant of our surroundings while working in the roadway. The flashing lights serve as nothing more than magnets to some and can cause devastating consequences. Please wear your traffic vests, position your vehicles in a manner that will protect the scene and keep your head on the proverbial swivel.

THAT WAS THEN

Portable radios? We didn't need those! Assigned to 2354 in the early '80's, the AMT's had a small room in the 4th precinct stationhouse that was backed up to the arrest room. When we weren't behind the desk helping out, we sat in that room with our 12" black and white TV with the tin foil wrapped antenna waiting for a call. CB called the desk and the D.O. pressed the "ambulance buzzer" which rang in our room. We reported to the desk where the D.O. handed the AMT the assignment on scratch paper. If we were out on the road and out of the vehicle, a rubber band was a must-have, as it was secured around the vehicle's P.A. microphone, which was then placed next to the vehicles radio speaker. Looking back, we were just one step ahead of chiseling our memo books out of stone. We've come a long way in 30 years!

AMT NICKNAMES

Can you identify any of these past and present AMT's?					
Elroy Jetson	Rusty	Wingnut	Guy		
Wacko	Kitty (that's easy)		Goofy		
Droopy Dog Spike		Dice			
Llama					
And everyone should get this last one					
Toasterhead					

A FOND MEMORY

by T. Gaynor

AMT Jeff Matthews lost his courageous 15 month battle with brain cancer on September 2, 2013. Jeff is survived by his lovely wife Jennifer and three adorable children ages 4,3, and 1, his mother Carol, father John, brothers Jim, Brian (AMT NCPD) and Peter, and his sister Joan.

I had the honor of knowing Jeff and his family ever since I was a teenager. I was in the Glenwood Fire Co, with Jeff's dad, and as we went up Grove Street with the ladder truck or engine, Jeff's mom always had the Matthews kids on the corner waving at us.

As I got older and went in my direction in the EMS field, Jeff did too. He volunteered with the Fire Dept, worked for Mary Immaculate in New York City and was an Emergency Room Technician at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset.

Our paths crossed again when in 1994 Jeff was hired as an AMT with the Nassau County Police Department's Emergency Ambulance Bureau. In 1997 when the 12 hour tours began for us, Jeff came to nights and that's when we really reconnected. It became even better when Jeff changed squads on Ambulance 2353 in the 3rd Pct and now I became his Supervisor. I always felt very fortunate to have good working people in my squads and now having Jeff was no exception. He was an excellent Medic, very professional to the patients, and had the knack to get even the most stubborn patients to go to the hospital. I always enjoyed riding on Jeff's aided cases, not only to lend a hand, but also to watch his assessment and try to pick up new or different ideas. You are never too old to learn something new.

Jeff liked to exercise and work out on his meal period and even tried to get me to do the same. He was somewhat successful for a period of time, as we would take our meal around 0300 and work out in the 3rd Pct Stationhouse gym. Better yet Jeff found a gym that was open 24 hours on his post, which we would go to as well when we took our meal period.

I think the most enjoyment I had with Jeff was when he transferred to 2366 in the 6th (now the 3rd North). We would meet at DD's in Roslyn at around 0430, have a cup of coffee and either take in a call, or just sit and talk and try to solve all the worlds problems, or he would just show me all the pictures he had on his phone of his 3 children. He was crazy about his kids and very proud to show them off through the many pictures he took of them.

In June of 2012 when he found out about his brain tumor, he called me on a Saturday to tell me "some news". Jeff having a brain tumor was certainly not on that list of news I thought he was going to tell me but out he came with it. It no doubt left me speechless. Within 48 hours of us having that 0430 coffee, his whole world just turned upside down. But knowing Jeff, he continued on and said the surgery is all scheduled to remove the tumor, as well as his follow ups and we'll take it from there.

When we found out that the results were not good and Jeff had to continue with radiation, then chemotherapy, Jeff had his schedule book and had friends, AMTs, cops, and firemen, etc who all knew him lined up to take him to his appointments. He had the primary person, and a reserve person and a second reserve person in case the first 2 people couldn't make it. Trying to find a day to take him was like a person on the job for 6 months trying to get Christmas Day off from work. You had to book it with him weeks in advance.

Not ONCE in his 15 month battle did he complain, feel sorry for himself, or say to anyone "why me". He was one of the most courageous individuals I ever met. His sarcasm no doubt helped him through this battle. As we all know Jeff could be sarcastic at times.!!

Unfortunately the summer of 2013 wasn't good for Jeff and his condition worsened. In August he entered the Tuttle Hospice Center at the Amsterdam in Port Washington, where they took excellent care of him. On the night of September 2, 2013 with his family, friends and many members from EAB, and the 3rd Pct by his side he passed away. Moments after he passed, the TV was on and ironically you heard the song " Don't worry be happy" That night Jeff was placed in his ambulance 2366 and escorted to the funeral home for his last ride.

Jeff will be missed by his family and friends, as well as in EAB, NCPD, and the EMS world. He taught us that life is way too short and showed us how to handle ANY situation that comes your way.

Rest in peace Jeff. Keep a close watch on all of us down here.

Notes From the ESU Corner

by Clarence Hudson III

Something was just brought to my attention and I hope it is worthy of your attention. There are certain people who are attempting to put up plaques or other memorials to our fallen comrades. If you can contribute to help defray the cost of these items please be as generous as you can. As I write this we are coming up on the anniversary of two far too premature deaths. That of P.O. Joseph Olivieri and Det. Arthur Lopez. They are attempting to get a plaque for P.O. Joe Olivieri. I think it would be a nice honor for Joe. As it is, it will be tough to get through the last half of the month of October. I assume we will all do the best we can. Both Artie and Joe made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty and they will both be forever in our hearts.

Recently two U.S. Air Force Airmen were laid to rest. However because of budget cuts they were not afforded an official flyover by our military. A volunteer group of retired Airmen was asked and they provided a flyover. How is it that two members of the U.S. Military, who were shot down and died in the line of duty, could not have the full benefits of a Military Funeral? Have we sunk that low? I think it was best said by one of my co-workers. We have lost faith in our elected officials, no matter what their party, to effectively govern. Look at our contract vote. We have our contract broken. We then go and vote on something new. Then, another government entity says they want something different. Is anyone's word any good? I tell you what: if they want anymore givebacks I have an 18 y.o. that I'm responsible for. You have to tell him 43 times to clean up, etc. You can have him, not any further concessions on our contract. But, that is just one person's opinion.

As far as our ESU work we have been busy. HazMats and mental aideds seem to be dominating our workload. We even had one EDP who went for a swim in our presence. Thank goodness for Gumby suits. Anyway that's all for now. If you get this before November 5 don't forget to vote.



Marine Bureau by Dennis O'Sullivan

At the reading of this article our summer /fall season will have ended and our winter sea-

son will be in full swing. At the writing of this article it is

not known if any of the temps will stay but some of them have been going back and forth for more than 6 years and hopefully that will have not been the case this year. We wish the temporaries who were sent back to the precincts well and look forward to seeing them in the spring. On a different note, last article I acknowledged the recent retirees and wished them well in their future endeavors but I didn't realize that I skipped one retiree. I would like to correct that and wish Andy Sawula well in his retirement and future endeavors.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Tangney open was held the first week of October this year and was a success as usual. My understanding of a success is when Bob Dertinger doesn't play well, to the enjoyment of everyone else, and then won't eat with them at the clubhouse dinner, to the enjoyment of everyone else. Seriously though, all had a good time and 500.00 dollars was raised and as usual will be donated to a charity. I would like to thank Chris Tangney, for about 20 years he has open up his house in upstate New York for retired and current members to get together and hold this event. Chris has allowed us to stay at his home as well as use it for gathering place after the tournament.

EXCELLENT WORK

During late Spring of this year, Police Officer Joel Fuoco of the N.C.P.D. Marine and Aviation Bureau received the United States Coast Guard Certificate of Merit. The Certificate of Merit was signed and presented by Captain Joseph M. Vojvodich (Rear Admiral Designee – effective 6/28/13) on behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. The Certificate of Merit was also presented by Master Chief Terry Lathrop, Officer-In-Charge of U.S.C.G. Station Jones Beach. In attendance at the presentation were D.I. J. Conti, Sgt. R. Boyle, Sgt. T. McCaffrey and Sgt. J. Owen of the Marine and Aviation Bureau. Represented from the U.S. Coast Guard were Chief D. Bullock, Chief R. Sebastiao and Chief T. Waterbury. The Certificate of Merit cites: Police Officer Fuoco's commitment to regional maritime safety and security; his role in the development of Operation Gateway - a New York regional border waterway security initiative; his service as Training Co-Chairman of the D.H.S. (Domestic Nuclear Detection Office) Securing The Cities Program - Maritime Sub-Committee; his service to the Port of Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Committee; his continuing efforts to coordinate with regional facilities regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002; and his liaison work with the U.S. Coast Guard for both the annual Jones Beach Air Show and the national Operation Dry Water initiative.



(I. to r.) Captain Joseph M. Vojvodich, U.S.C.G. (Rear Admiral Designee as of 6/28/13), Police Officer Joel Fuoco, N.C.P.D., and Master Chief Terry Lathrop, U.S.C.G.



Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion by Dan Scheidel

So much for support of the Police Post and I don't mean the fund drive this time but I mean the support of its own membership. When we sent out the annual scholarship applications and chance books we also included an important memo for each member to peruse and get back to us regarding the future of their post. Well I did receive one note and two phone calls regarding that matter. Nothing spectacular but at least suggestive. Legionnaires, it is time to step back and get with it. You've all served in the military and on a police force and you knew then that camaraderie and support for each other was the accepted norm. It's time to renew that feeling.

Enough of that, you all know what is necessary to maintain a viable organization and it is now up to you to prove it's worth or not. One hour or two each month shouldn't be too much to ask. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bellmore Legion Post, Royale Street, Bellmore. Meetings begin at 2000 hours.

All veterans that may read this column are reminded that it is important to register at the Northport VA Center. With all the confusion with the new Health Care Act the VA and most veteran organizations recommend that all veterans register to assure coverage. You may be covered now but with all the nonsense going on in Washington you never know. Do your homework and never take anything for granted.

The Post will be going out to the Northport VA Nursing Home on December 14th. We, together with three or four other posts from Nassau County will be doing a Day at the Races for the residents. Posts are asked to bring assorted toiletries, socks and other small garments as well as unused puzzle books. (Sudoku, Word Find and Crossword) I've made arrangements with the Mineola AARP Chapter to bring out their donation of lap robes for the residents. If you'd like you can bring items to a ARPO Meeting and I'll take it from there. Each year the ladies of the chapter donate two or three dozen robes that the residents of the home and other facilities welcome. If anyone would like to join us give me a call and maybe you can car pool with one of us.

I must be getting mellow in my old age for that's about all I can complain about this month so I'll sign of. Don't let the goblins get you this Halloween.



ARPO by Bob Livoti

If you are a snowbird make sure we have your correct mailing address because the dues notices will be sent out in

November along with your ARPO cards, decals and calendar. Send us an e-mail (gotsha@aol.com or ARPONCPD@aol.com) if your address is going to change.

We will be setting up another AARP driving class in January. Watch the ARPO newsletter for details.

Effective January 1, 2014, ARPO will be providing each ARPO member in good standing with a death benefit of \$200. You must be a member in good standing for the last five years in order to be eligible. We will be sending out new membership application cards along with the dues notice. You must return the card with your designated beneficiary listed on the card. If you pass away without designating a beneficiary, the death benefit will be paid to your estate.

I put together a recruitment mailing last month and in doing the mailing, some people who are already members also received the recruitment letter. After checking the list, I found most of the members who received the letter had used a different name on our membership file, i.e. Bob for Robert, Dan for Daniel, etc so that's where the mix up occurred. Anyway, what was nice about it was that I spoke to several retirees, who weren't aware of ARPO at all, so I thought I'd do a little background information here.

Who is ARPO (Association of Retired Police Officers, Inc.)

ARPO has been around for many years. Some of the original founders were Don Ramme and Ray Leonhard and others and was started probably 30 years ago. I've been involved in it since I retired in 1996. Many retirees get us confused with the other retired organization, RPA which many of us also belong to.

ARPO is strictly a fraternal organization made up of retirees from NCPD. We also have a few retirees from some of the village departments. We have about 1000 members now. As you can see we are a local organization and not statewide. We don't accept anyone from outside of Nassau and you had to be a cop working in Nassau County to be a member.

We mail out the ARPO newsletter 10 times a year and meet the second Wednesday monthly except July and August at 8PM at the PBA office in Mineola. We serve refreshments before and after each meeting. We also run AARP Driving classes for our membership during the year. Our dues are only \$20 a year and starting in 2014, we will be covering our members with a small death benefit. We print a wall calendar every year and send it to our members and also the widows of any of our members.

Our newsletter is all about the old days on the job and we seek photos and stories from our members for the articles in the newsletters. We also feature articles of interest other than the police department.

We have speakers at our monthly meetings from people

who offer services that would be of interest to our membership. Next month (December) our guest speaker is Elder Law Attorney Ann-Margaret Carrozza. She is an expert on Elder Law. We are inviting the spouses of members to attend the December meeting because this is such an important subject for retirees.

As you can see we are geared for the retiree and try and provide services, stories and everything that would interest our retirees.

If you are not a member and would like to see what we are all about, come on out to one of our meetings. I am sure you will meet someone you use to work with when you were on the job.



Columbia Police Association

by Frank A. Ruvolo, President

Another Columbus Day has come

and gone. Proudly we marched in the NYC Columbus Day parade last month on October 14th and had a great time. This year being the best turnout we've had in the past few years since the few of us returned to the city parade, all that attended this year were glad they did. After a great breakfast at Rockefeller Plaza at Cucina and Company, being invited by the Lt./Detective Joseph Petrosino Association with a warm welcome and acknowledgement of our attendance, we began our march. Being led in the parade by our own color guard, we marched from 45 St. to the end at 72 St. Spectators at the parade this year were the most I've seen in many years and the weather was perfect. People from all over the world were there to watch the parade and so many people cheered us as we walked on Fifth Ave. The cheers of, "Yeah Nassau," and applause can be heard from so many as we walked up the Ave. We all noticed so many people and camera crews photographing our group during the day, it made me think of how many homes and photo albums our Columbia Police Association will be in for years to come. I have never seen such appreciation for us at this parade; it was hard to believe the turnout of people cheering us on. I was disappointed when the parade ended because we were all having such a great time and wanted to keep going. So we did, right to St Ignatius Loyola Church at 84th for Lunch with the NYC Columbia Police Association. A great lunch, desert and some drinks were served to a room full of many police organizations in uniform from New York, New Jersey, and so many from Italy. Outgoing NYC-CPA President Tony Cesarano acknowledged our attendance to all and thanked us for attending. After lunch, we were transported back to Police Headquarters in our dept. van. During the day, we met many old and new friends at each stop and all agreed they would do it again in the coming years. I am very proud of my Italian Heritage, as we all were this day and felt privileged to march as the President of this Organization, we had great company this day and look forward to participating for many years to come. Thanks to our Parade Committee Sal Curcio and Nick

Passarella for getting this event together and making it the success that it was, the transportation was an important addition to the response we received and we hope to have a bigger response next year. Thanks to Police Commissioner Dale, who many NYPD guys asked for at the lunch, for approving and providing the department van for our use. Many thanks to those that marched with us, including Chief Rick Capece, Nick Passarella and son Nicholas, Sal Curcio, Daniela and Gabriella Farrell, Anne and Catherine Ruvolo, Geno Albanese, Kelly Maloney, Tom Esposito, Sgt. Joe Federico, and our 2 color guard members.

Later that night, we attended our regular meeting at Verona's for some great Italian food, wine and desert. This night on Columbus Day, we were fortunate to welcome two past Presidents at the meeting with a big turnout of members. Past President Bob Cannataro and Fred Penna attended and had a great time, I was so glad to see Bobby back and join us this day. We also acknowledged and congratulated member Chris Ferro on his designation from Sergeant to Detective Sergeant.

Some business discussed at the Columbus Day meeting included past events we supported including the Columbia Association of NYC Sanitation at El Carib, attended by 830 people, Wow! Also, all scholarship winners have received checks and additional scholarship raffle tickets have been drawn and sent out. Members attended the NCPD Fraternal Organization Picnic at Eisenhower Park on 10/5, and also attended the Sacred Heart Church of Merrick's Annual Ball which Honoring Dr. Vic Politi.

We spoke about our upcoming events too, including the Christmas Party at Veronas on December 9, including dinner, desert and live music this year beginning at 7pm. Details and a date for the trip to Arthur Ave for lunch and shopping will be announced at the November 11th meeting. The drawing for the 200 club Raffle tickets will take place at the November meeting. Renewals for membership will be mailed in December.

To be included in our email list with meeting and event updates, or have any ideas or questions or know of any member in need, or have knowledge of a good arrest, email me at dept email or : frankcar108@aol.com

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and I encourage you to invite other eligible or prospective members to the future meetings and events. I wish you and your families a



Members at Petrosino Breakfast: Sal Curcio, Chief Rick Capece, Joe Federico, Frank Ruvolo, Kelly Maloney, Tom Esposito, Geno Albanese.



Color Guard and marchers on 5th Ave.



Chief Rick Capece and Miss USA Erin Brady.

The Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County

by Neil J. Delargy

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." With these words Christ entrusted his Church on earth to Peter, the first pope, and to his successors, and for as long as there have been the Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County, it has been our tradition to "Stand with Peter," and thus, to stand with the Church.

To that end, the Holy Name Society has embarked on another pilgrimage. This November an intrepid group of 24 pilgrims have ventured to Italy to visit many sites and cities that are significant to the Catholic religion. Included in our trip are four days in Rome, the city where Peter built the Roman Catholic Church. Rome has been one of history's most powerful and important cities, along with home to the Roman Catholic Church and the site of Vatican City. It is very fitting, that as the Catholic Church closes out this "Year of Faith" that the HNS is completing our pilgrimage to the country that has been home to a vast array of the most beautiful artwork and important religious sites honoring the awesomeness of God. We picked our destination months before the election of Pope Francis, and yet we will have the good fortune of visiting the Basilica of St. Francis in Sienna and Assisi the birthplace of St. Francis the namesake of Pope Francis. We hope to continue our HNS Pilgrimages over the next couple of years and look forward to having many other members and friends enjoy these memorable and faithful trips.

The HNS is winding down an exciting year that has seen us change the location of our meetings to: St. Dominic's Fields, 6140 Northern Boulevard, East Norwich, New York.

Father Gerard Gordon has been instrumental in making us feel "at home" in our new location. We also anticipate a new location for our Police Retreat. Fred Seiling has cased out a few venues and recommended to the Board that we entrust our retreat to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Fred has worked out an arrangement that is equal to, if not better, than the deal we had with St. Ignatius. As it stands now we have the facility to ourselves and will be able to utilize all the amenities.

The Retreat traditionally begins the day after our Communion Breakfast, which is on April 6th, 2014, so set aside the week of April 7-10, 2014 if you would like to participate in the finest law enforcement retreat in the region. Fred Seiling will have all the details pertaining to cost available as soon as possible.

At our June meeting the current Board of Officers was reelected to serve for another two years so I'm proud to present our Board Members:

President Neil Delargy, First Vice-President John Meehan, Second Vice-President John Johnsen, Third Vice-President Rick Capace, Treasurer Daniel Danzi, Corresponding Secretary Tony Biancardi, Recording Secretary Tom Fabian, Sergeant At Arms Mike Mulhall and our new appointment the Assistant to the Chaplains Fred Seiling.

Nothing gets done in a volunteer organization without dedicated members and especially committed Board members. The Holy Name Society enjoys a very devoted Board that works tirelessly to continue the traditions and good works of the association.

One of the good works that we participate in as a Society is our Annual Scholarship Awards Presentation. This year's scholarship committee, chaired by Dan Danzi, did an outstanding job selecting deserving candidates that received very generous awards made possible by the support we receive from our members and friends.

The awards are as follows:

2013 Report of Police Holy Name Scholarship Committee

Howie Herold Scholarship Member Arthur Lowe Student William Lowe, St. Michael's College **Kevin Finn Scholarship** Member Robin Beckerman Student Ashley Beckerman, Molloy College **Tom Atz Scholarship** Member Dennis Boody Student Sean Boody, Kellenberg High School **Judith Weiner Scholarship** Member John Welch Student Kayla Hunter, St. Thomas Aquinas College

Louis Forte Scholarship

Member Carmine Soldano Student Michael Soldano, SUNY Stony Brook

Stephen J. Sullivan Scholarship

Member Daniel Sheehan

Student Melanie Sheehan, Fordham University

The Scholarships are named for important members or supporters of the Police Holy Name Society, past and present. Congratulations to all the awardees.

Finally in this hectic political season please remember to get out and VOTE, our county's future depends on an involved electorate.



Nassau Police Running Club by Rocco Sinisi

Sweet sixteen. I ran my 16th marathon last month in Minneapolis Minnesota. I chose it because it was a medium sized marathon with about 8900 runners. The course is relatively flat except for miles 21 and 22 when you cross over the Mississippi River and enter St Paul as you climb on a street appropriately called Summit. Once I finished that climb I hit "the wall" badly with four miles to go. I was like a car running on fumes but kept trotting along wanting to walk or hoping for a downhill that never came. Mile 23. 24. 25. 26. A younger runner helped me kick it in for that final quarter mile to finish in 3:09:32 and 410th place overall.

I turned 50 this year and I am not certain how many more marathons I have left in me. I will be returning to Boston in 2014 and my finishing time in Minneapolis qualifies me for Boston 2015.

Two weeks prior to Minneapolis I ran a half marathon in Rochester NY. Upon finishing that race I felt great. It was the first half marathon I had run outside of the Long Island Half Marathon. No aches. No pains. No sore muscles. No limping. It has me reevaluating my commitment to running two marathons a year. Between those two races I ran with the club in the Ocean to Sound Relay.

Not a favorite race of mine. A 49 mile relay race across Long Island starting at the Jones Beach boardwalk and finishing up in Oyster Bay Park. It is eight people to a team and this year we were able to put together two teams. Team Hart and Team Benedict Scooter. Each relay leg ranged from 5.4 miles to 7 miles.

The goal this year was to avenge a loss to the FBI team in last year's race in the Law Enforcement Category. The club team finished 3rd in that category last year with the 3 top teams in LE separated by just five minutes. Team captain Frank Decicco loaded Team Hart with the club's strongest runners - Mark Spottiswood, Roy Mangiamele, Rocco Sinisi, Joshua Parsons, Frank Borgi, Mike Mclosky, Kevin Mcpadden and Lesli Hiller. The FBI knew we were coming for them but we started off strong and by the end of the third leg we had over a ten minute lead. We beat them by 14 minutes to win the LE category, breaking the magical six hour mark with a time of 5 hours and 58 minutes. We also finished in 20th place overall out of 160 teams.

Our second team, Benedict Scooter consisted of TR Hughes, Jimmy Cereghino, Debbie Bershad, George Parienzo, Joanne Distler, Dave Nystrom, Danny Decicco and Kelly Rauseo. They finished in 8 hrs and 1 minute.

Both teams had a photo opportunity with Commissioner Dale and Assistant Commissioner Hart days later. Plans are already being discussed to make even next year's team even stronger as this year' steam race over 30 minutes faster than the 2012 team. The race is always held at the end of September, so if you are interested in running on one of the teams keep a lookout for emails next summer.

If anyone is interested in running a team race this fall Rob's Run is being held on December 1st up in Syosset. It is a three person team and scored cross country style. We have had teams compete and win awards in past years.

Congrats to Lesli Hiller who was the first female finisher in two races this fall - Helens 5k Run and Sacred Heart 5K.

Also congrats to Frank Borgi, who is on the comeback trail probably surprising himself by placing 2nd in his age group at the Great South Bay 5k.

Upcoming Races:

Nov 9th Rockville Centre 5k/10k

- 10th Port Washington 5k
 - East Islip 5k
- 16th Lynbrook 4 miler Bayville 5k
- 17th Woodbury 5k
- 23rd East Meadow 4 miler Massapequa 5k
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O2S runners with Commissioners Dale and Hart Photo courtesy of Kevin Kane

Retired Column

by John Nosovitch

ED (RUBBER) GUNN ... rubbergunn 1@hotmail.com

"Hey Young Guys" or those who did not come on the job in the class of '47, John Nosovitch says we should talk about keeping the reunion going Let's talk about it at the reunion Jan 23-26th in Kissimmee FL. Dig deep into your hundred thousand dollar retirement pension holding pockets and tell the "Old guys" how we ruined their Old Job and had more fun than them. Let's talk it over there so we can keep this tradition going. There is info in the Newsletter on who to send money to but, I will make it easy. Cut off day is Dec. 24th. For rooms call Ramada Gateway hotel at 800 327 9170 room rates are \$75 a night. Tell them you are attending Nassau Blue Reunion. checkin is 4pm, breakfast buffet included. If you stay outside the hotel, It costs \$25 for hospitality room and \$47 for the dinner. Dig deep - it will be fun. " I promise". For more info, call Ed Graham at 352-726-5256 or Joe Grella at 352-596- 2596. Remember how cold it was in NY last Jan.23. I remember it was even cold in N. Carolina.

BILL MILLER...erogmiller@aol.com 1026 Sweetleaf Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29707 843-283-0344

I am planning on attending the Nassau Blue Reunion in January, and thought it would be great to see some of the NCPD Softball and/or Basketball Teams from the 1970's there this year. A word of encouragement can't hurt. Meet you there !

LOU MARCUS...was in Texas for a week for a Slaughter family reunion (my mom's family). Flew into San Antonio and then drove over 2 hours to Brady. The actual reunion was held in the very very small town of Lohn at the Lohn Tabernacle. Aside from lots of cousins that I had never met, we had two representatives from the Texas Rangers and a rep from the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Many of us are descendants of Benjamin Bryant. He moved to Texas in 1834. He fought in the Battle of San Jacinto with Sam Houston - he built a fort at Bryant Station (now a ghost town) to protect settlers from the Indians, was a Captain in the Texas Rangers. He and his wife are buried in the State Cemetery at Austin. We also have a number of family members who were Texas Rangers, many having fought to free Texas from Mexico. I think I had mentioned to you that I have already been accepted into the Association of Former Texas Rangers due to these family ties. My application for membership in the Sons of the Republic of Texas is pending. (UP DATE: Lou was accepted) I got to do a lot of exploring at the various cemeteries where family members are buried, got to do some research at the library in Brady and took a side trip to the geographic center of Texas as well as to a battle field where Jim Bowie fought a bunch of injuns. My mom was born in Pear Valley which is right next to Lohn and my grandfather and many of his family are buried in the Pear Valley cemetery. Many other are buried in Lohn and in Brady. Did a lot of cemetery visiting. The picture is where I came very close to meeting a rattler up close and personal. I was walking around the outer edge of the cemetery near some brush trying to see the Mexican plots and I heard the distinctive sound of a rattle snake...he was being kind enough to tell me I was too close. Needless to say I headed (quickly) the other way. Had lots of great barbecue,



Lou Marcus at Pearl Valley Cemetery where some family is buried.

ROBERT (BOB) SHELDON 17122 County Road 1261 Flint, TX 75762-9608...Sorry to see the St. George Association fold On the back of the British Sovereign is a relief of Saint George.. I just had a necklace made up of Sovereigns for each of my granddaughters. Saint George Legend has it all the realm lived in fear of a Fire Breathing Dragon, but one man went out and slew the fierce dragon and became Saint George. In time, Saint George became the patron of those that go into the dark of night looking to fight evil—the police officer. If you need Saint George call 911.

NASSAU BLUE REUNION...The 21st Annual Reunion....January 23-26th, 2014 Ramada Gateway 7470 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway (US 192) Kissimmee, FL. Open to any retired or active members from any department that served in Nassau County. Bring your family and friends and have an extended vacation. You must make your own reservations by calling the Hotel at 800-327-9170 or 407-396-4400 between 9 AM and 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday and tell them you are attending the Nassau Blue Reunion. Room rate is \$75 includes a breakfast buffet for two each day. Rates are for two and good for 3 days before and after reunion dates.

Cut off date for a guaranteed Nassau Blue room is December 24th, 2013. No shows or cancellations for rooms are based on Hotel policy. Check in time is 4 PM. If you arrive early please come to the Hospitality Room until your room is ready. This year's 21st Anniversary events include:

Hospitality Room- the place to meet and greet old friends Saturday Evening Dinner and Dancing. Details.

Hospitality Room Hours: Thursday 11AM till 1AM; Friday 9 AM till 1 AM;

Saturday 9 AM till ? ? ? (CLOSED DURING DINNER SHOW 5 PM until 10:30 PM) and Sunday 8 AM till 10 AM.

A Hospitality Fee of \$24 per person is required from ALL attending reunion and Nassau Blue Registered guests.

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Saturday Evening Dinner. It will be a sit-down dinner with a choice of three entrees plus desert. The attire will be jackets and ties preferred, for the guys, and dresses for the ladies. There will be no assigned seating. The festivities and a Cash Bar will start at 6:30 PM, dinner slightly later. The entertainment this year will be provided by Debi G with music for all ages. Cost per person will be \$47. 50/50 winners will be announced during the evening. Formal Attire

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Let's make this last Reunion the BEST. See Flyer in Newsletter

ODDS AND ENDS...Keep Greg Vazquez in your thoughts and prayers. He has a big battle ahead of him.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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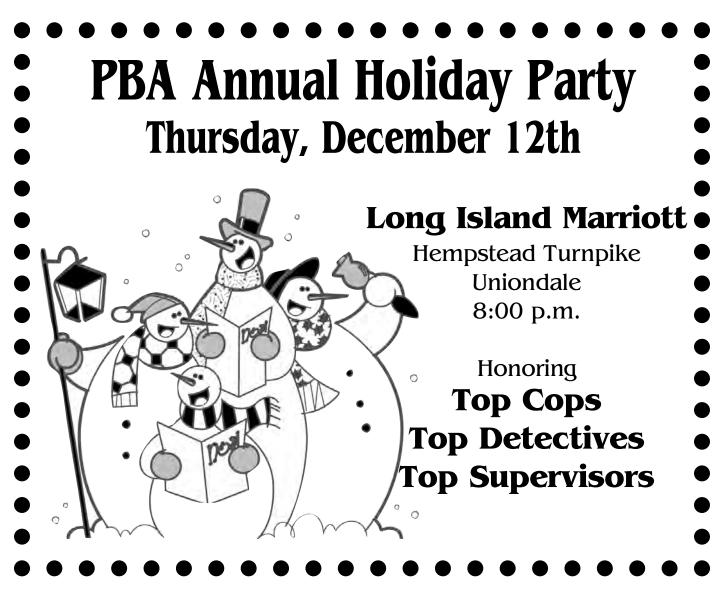
Get Well wishes to Robert (Bob) Teufel, and Greg Vazquez., Edna Jorgensen, Carol Lynch and Barbara Kramer

WRITER'S THOUGHTS

As you can see and have heard a lot of organizations are going down the tubes due to lack of interest. Is that what you want to happen to the Retired Column in the PBA Newsletter.? I have been doing this column for over 30 years and lately your letters and e-mails have become less and less.. Let's hear from you - let us know how things are going for you..

On behalf of my wife, Betty and my self, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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www.the7thpct.org and register

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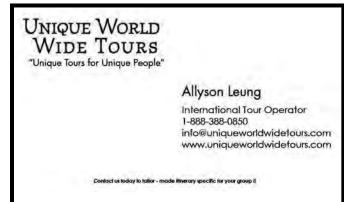
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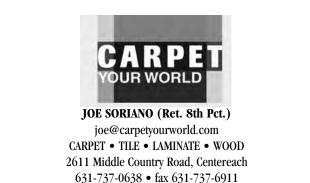
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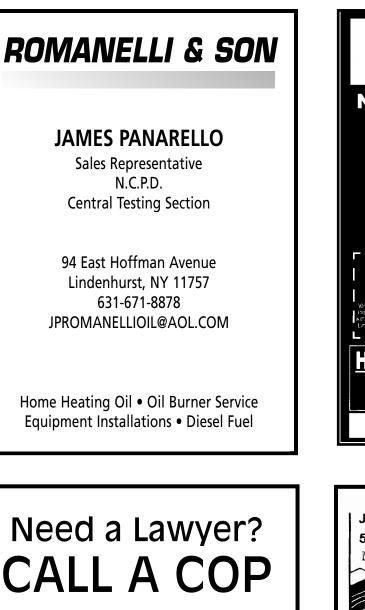
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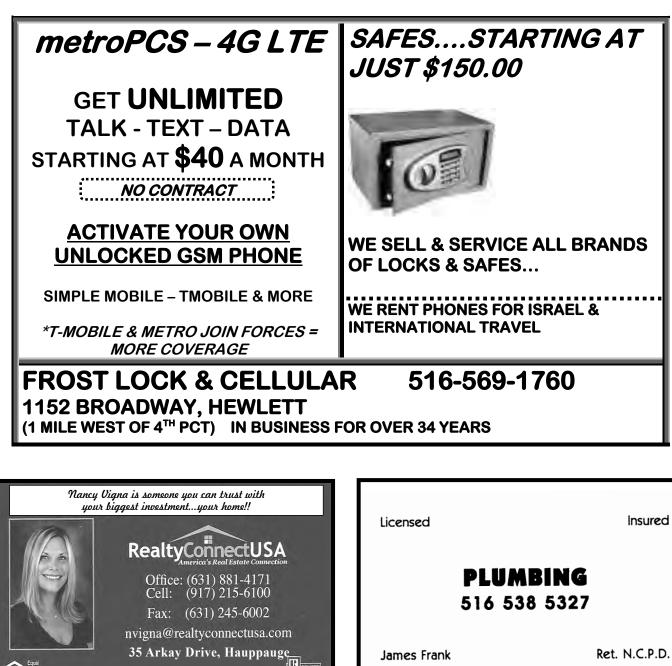


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- Hospitality Room -the place to meet and greet old friends and re-live the glory days.
- NEW !!! Friday Night Ice Cream Social This optional event is for those who would rather have dessert after dinner, in
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- Saturday Evening Dinner and Dancing.

Details Hospitality Room Hours: Thursday 11AM till 1 AM; Friday 9 AM till 1 AM with optional Ice Cream (\$4.00 per person) at 7 PM; Saturday 9 AM till ??? (CLOSED DURING DINNER SHOW 5 PM until 10:30 PM) and Sunday 8 AM till 10 AM.

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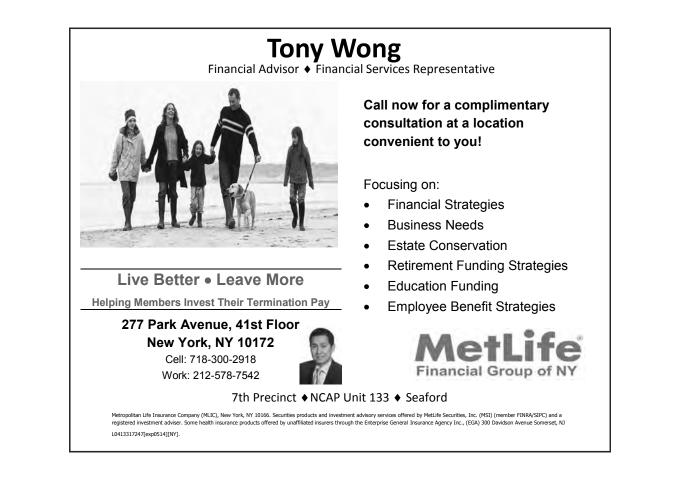
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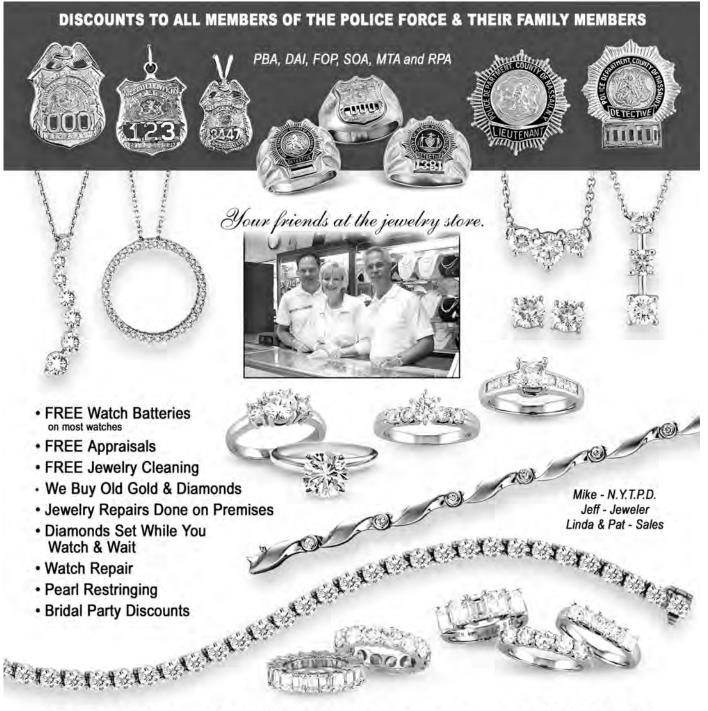
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