

# RDNY NEWS

**THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST.  
HOLD THE DATE... RDNY'S NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 • 6:30PM- 9:30PM**

## **RESTAURANT LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

### **OUR DINNER CRUISE**

The World Yacht was at capacity, fortunately we didn't have to do our man over board drill. The music of "Risky Business" made the night even more enjoyable. The drinks flowed and the view was spectacular. The RDNY had their drawing for their scholarship fund. Each student will receive \$500 dollars, and the winners are: Brendan Schille of Staten Island- relative of Al Schille attending CUNY Kingsborough, Maeve Ann Brennan of Briarcliff Manor- relative of Kevin Brennan attending North Eastern University, Victoria Chan of Middle Village- daughter of Henry Chan attending St Bonaventure University, Christopher Mullen- relative of Michael Mullen attending Suffolk Community. The Barney Ferguson scholarship was awarded to Tyler Leyva, the granddaughter of the late former RDNY President Harry Hard. Congratulations to all the winners. The Jet Blue round trip ticket winner was Tom Benno, safe and happy travels. A shout out to our RDNY Board members. Without them and their hard work, events like this are not possible. Thank you Tommy Fitzgerald, Brian Carroll and especially Frank Connelly.

### **OUR JUNE MEETING & CIGAR NIGHT**

The June meeting was held in Da Bronx at the Pines Restaurant. The night started with our Peggy Hopkins and a heartfelt rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by Msgr. Nelan blessing our event. Our three Honoree's Retired Lt. Robert DiMartini, Retired Det. Nick Cirillo and Retired Det. Albert Roman were all appreciative and grateful in receiving their ARDY's. All three of our honorees brought a very special history to the NYPD. Retired Lt. DiMartini is recognized as the most decorated Police Officer in NYPD history, retired Det. Nick Cirillo who joined the NYPD in 1957 and continues even today to have never ending devotion to seek justice. Retired Det. Al Roman continues to bring back the history of the NYPD with his restored RMP's ranging from the 1940's to present day. Al also maintains the Bronx Narcotics Museum. Congratulations gentleman, well deserved.

The RDNY's 2nd Roof Top cigar night was once again a wonderful event with great comradery. The RDNY paid tribute to the two Tenafly Police Officers, P.O. Matt Sabitsky and P.O. Tom Casper. Just a little FYI, these two officers did a routine car stop and then the NOW former Port Authority commissioners (Caren Turner) showed up and unloaded a verbal tirade on the two Officers. PO Sabitsky

and Casper kept cool under pressure. If you haven't seen it just Google or you tube it. The rest of the night was filled with great stories and spectacular views. The staff at the Monarch Rooftop Lounge was exceptional and the Hooter Girls selling raffles all did a wonderful job to make the night a success. Thank you Kevin Schroeder and Rich Santangelo for putting it together.

### **IMPORTANT INFO:**

**Cola Information Copied From June 2018  
NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte Newsletter**

You can access newsletter from the following link:  
<http://www.charlotte10-13.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/6-June-2018-10-13-Club-newsletter.pdf>

The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for September 2018 through August 2019 benefit payments is 1.2%.

As a result, an eligible retired member with an annual pension of \$18,000 or more will receive an increase of \$18 per month beginning with the September 2018 payment. (Eligible members receiving an annual benefit under \$18,000 will receive a lesser monthly increase.)

By law, the COLA can be no less than 1% and no more than 3% annually and is applied only to the first \$18,000 of the retirement benefit. The COLA percentage is calculated by taking 50% of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase from one March to the next and rounding up to the nearest tenth. The CPI increased 2.36% from March 2017 to March 2018.

### **COLA Eligibility**

**To be eligible for a COLA, you must either be:**

- At least age 62 and retired at least five years; or,
- At least age 55 and retired at least 10 years; or,
- A retiree receiving a LOD disability benefit for at least five years (regardless of age); or,
- A surviving spouse of an eligible retiree receiving a lifetime benefit. (By law, the spouse receives an increase equal to one-half the COLA the retiree would have received). Retiree's who become eligible for the COLA after September will receive their adjustment when first eligible. This latest COLA will bring the cumulative maximum monthly increase since COLA legislation was enacted in 2001 to \$348.

### **TALKIN WILDE NEVER FORGET**

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, members of RDNY were privileged to attend a ceremony at Pinelawn National Cemetery in Suffolk, NY for departed Police Officer Greg Foster. Officer Foster and his partner Police Officer Rocco Laurie were assassinated in 1972 in New York City. It was a time of hatred for the police then, as it is now. Greg's sister who lives in South Carolina invited all of us, Greg's brothers and sisters from the NYPD, to attend and they did along with the Honor Guard from the NYPD and the Marine Corp. Congressman Lee M. Zeldin officiated at the ceremony which was long overdue. It was for a Silver Star that P.O. Foster earned in Vietnam that was not put on his tombstone at Pinelawn Veterans Cemetery when he was buried. He earned that Silver Star for being in a fire-fight in Vietnam and due to his actions was able to rescue two other Marines who were wounded and could not take cover. A true hero with the Marines and the NYPD. His family was present at the ceremony and his sister said some nice words about her brother. She also stated that the police are the thin line between sanity and insanity. Without the police it would be insanity. She thanked everyone for being there for her brother and for everyone to stay safe. There were active members of the NYPD, as well as a lot of retired members who never forget. RIP P.O. Foster and P.O. Laurie.

### **ENJOY THE SUMMER**

This will be the last newsletter until September so let's review what we talked about the last months and see what was corrected or changed. We talked about the cases in Brooklyn that were overturned and the City forked over millions in settlements and not once appealed them or questioned them. How much effort was given to fighting these settlements? Apparently none! When the DA stated that the retired detective, who the media dragged thru the mud, had nothing to do with the overturning of these cases along with the NYPD did the media print that? NO! All the retired detective did was arrest the perp and bring the case to the DA. They investigate and either bring to court or dismiss. Officer has nothing to do with that. These were all judge and jury trials. That's who convicted the defendants, not the arresting officer. Apparently all the defense lawyers who handled the cases 20 or more years ago were terrible according to their new lawyers who were around when they were first arrested. These are the same clowns who oppose the police in everything they do. The same names, Kuby, Rubenstein, Brettschneider and many more. They all made a lot of money on these settlements. You think the fix was in. It seems funny that this all took place after a new DA and new Mayor took over. How much money was donated by all these lawyers and their firms to their campaigns? You think anybody looked into that. Recently, DA in Manhattan stated that he would not accept donations from lawyers or law firms that do business in their courts. Nice, but too late. By the way one of the lawyers involved in the cases being overturned in Brooklyn, Defense Lawyer, Scott Brettschneider, was arrested by the FBI when he was overheard on wiretap set up by Queens DA's Office, plotting to pay a murder witness to falsely recant his statement then getting the killer released and cashing in on a bogus wrongful prosecution lawsuit. He also discussed with his workers how they would divvy up the one third lawyer fee on a \$22 million dollar settlement. You think he did this before? You better believe it. They didn't do this out of the good of their hearts or for justice. It's all about the money. Was in the media one day and no follow up. He has been a defense lawyer a long time. This was not first time.

Another person who never got an answer was the family from Queens whose young son, back in the 80's, got car jacked in Queens and murdered in B'klyn. Detectives in the 83 Pct made 2 arrests and perps made videos confessing to crime but blamed each other for shooting victim. Tried and convicted and sent upstate. DA in B'klyn overturns case without conferring with victim's family or detectives from 83 Pct. They would not have known of this if a reporter had not gone to victim's residence to ask how they felt about perp being released for false conviction. Victim's family devastated and called detectives. Case was then settled for \$6 million dollars. \$3 million to family of perp who died in jail and \$3 million to perp released. Overturned on technical issue, video was not long enough. No appeal from Corporation Counsel. True stuff. Nobody ever questioned this. And if you are really interested in what happened in B'klyn you have to read a book by Iselyn Hamilton Lundy titled "Don't Let Your Elevator Get Stuck On Stupid." You have to read Chapter 6 and 7 that was written by Derrick Hamilton, her brother, who had his case overturned in B'klyn for millions. It's about his life of crime and how he scammed the system. He worked for the lawyer Scott Brettschneider and is now involved with legal defense team in overturning cases in B'klyn. You have to read it to believe it, it's on Amazon, not expensive. Well that's that until September. Maybe one of these supposedly elite investigative reporters or someone in the media will pick up on the other side of the story. Don't hold your breath. Just want to know who got the money and how was it split up. Who shared in it and why did City not contest it. Thank God we are retired but so was the detective that they dragged thru the mud. Famous lady said "Only in New York kids, only in New York."

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY NYPD TRAINEES REUNION**

*From RDNY Member John Whimple: 50th Anniversary NYPD Police Trainees Class of July 1, 1968. Russo's On the Bay - July 1, 2018. For more information, Contact Det. John Whimple (Ret.) PO Box 525, Miller Place NY 11764- 0525 pdtrainees7168@aol.com or 631-566-7994*

### **QUOTE**

*How many FBI agents does it take to screw in a light bulb? I don't know... but it takes a few hundred to rig an election and still lose.*

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