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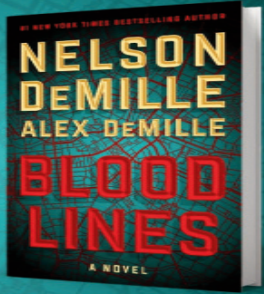
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# RDNY NEWS

**OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE 2024 WINTER CIGAR NIGHT**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

If you missed our January meeting you missed a good one. Not that all of our meetings aren't a great night out but this one was a little special. We honored three people that are huge supporters of the RDNY and have been for many years. Amie Valois from Mechanic and Associates Inc., Lou "Lou the Printer" Di Rico from Arland Printing, and Joe Morrone from PC Richard and Son. We had a great turnout, and the food was delicious as usual at Il Bacco. It is always great to see some old friends and catch up at the meetings. If you haven't been to one, please come out, I guarantee you a good time.

As you all know by now, I am always looking to improve the RDNY for our members. I am proud to report some fantastic news on that subject. For as far back as I can recall the RDNY gave out four scholarships to members children and/or grandchildren. There were two for males and two for females. Each scholarship was for \$500. Last year we changed the rules and issued four scholarships to four children/grandchildren, no matter their gender, still each for \$500. The winners of these scholarships are drawn randomly at our annual golf outing in July. I am excited to report that starting this July, with the very kind donation from Mechanic and Associates, Inc. the RDNY will now be awarding four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to the recipients. On behalf of Irv Mechanic, Amie Valois presented me with a check for \$4,000 at our meeting. From myself and the entire Board of the RDNY, we thank Mechanics and Associates Inc. for everything they do for the RDNY!!! Like I said when I presented Amie with her ARDY, they are always suggesting ways in which they can help out our organization and membership. I think I'll have Amie pick the winners in July 😊.

Winter is here, the hawk is out, but a good cop never gets cold, wet, or hungry. I was taught that just like everyone of you reading this newsletter by the cops that come before us. Speaking of the cops that came before us; I got the call. I got an official invitation from retired detective Harold Schiffer, to join him and his elite squad of friends, for their monthly Arthur's Roundtable luncheon. This is the group that I spoke about in the past. They celebrate the great Lt. CDS Arthur Schultheis who our ARDY is named after. I couldn't have been prouder to get that invitation. This is a group of old-time detectives and detective supervisors, some who retired before I even came on the job in 1987! They couldn't have been nicer to the rookie at the table. They told me some war stories, which I can not and will not put into print, but what a great day strolling down memory lane with this bunch of detectives. We started out with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all of those who have gone before us. Harold read a list of names of those Roundtable alums that have passed on. It was a long list, most of them I never heard of, but there where a few that I did, it really brought things into perspective for me. No matter what, when it's your time it's your time, and the Job will continue to be there and keep on going. So don't forget to visit with friends and family and stay young at heart. I think that's what all of these guys had in common, they all seemed like they could still do the job if they had to. Unfortunately, they would all be arrested

after about 5 minutes on the streets because you can't carry a "jack" anymore!!! After Harold read the roll call, we ordered lunch and continued to muse about the good old days. They didn't have too much info on Arthur that we didn't already know. I told them I would see what I could find out. I think I was just trying to impress the old-timers with my detective skills. But those guys are the real deal, and the reason NYPD Detectives are known as The Greatest Detective's in the World. We ate our lunch, had a cup of coffee, and headed home. It was starting to snow, and we all wanted to get home safe and sound. I asked how you become an official Roundtable member and Harold said you had to have sat in a radio car with one of the present members. I think he was joking, or at least I hope he was! But for now, I'm happy to just have been invited to break bread with some of the finest men I ever met. (at this rate I don't think they'll ever open the books) God bless Arthurs Round table and keep on collecting those pension checks. Till next time.

Dues have been coming in, thank you to those of you have paid already. For those of you who have not, please do so ASAP. If you can't find the package that we sent you, no worries. You can print what you need from our website or just pay through PayPal. ([www.RDNY.org](http://www.RDNY.org))

Last month we sent out our first ever email newsletter. I think it came out great and we got a lot of good reviews. I hope that you enjoyed it.

February 5th we will be back at the world-famous Carnegie Club for our annual winter cigar night. This one is always a lot of fun. Hope to see everyone there. (see flyer)

March 13th we will be at O'Neill's in Maspeth for our annual St. Patrick's meeting. We will be honoring two Assistant District Attorney's from the Queens District Attorney's Office, **Gregory Lasak Jr.** and **Danielle O'Boyle**, for the successful prosecution of the women responsible for the death of Highway 3 Police Officer Anastasio Tsakos. They were able to secure a conviction for Aggravated Manslaughter of a Police Officer. More about this next month but mark your calendars. Our St. Patrick's meetings are always a great night out.

We're working on something special for April. June is our fishing trip (date to be determined) and July 29th is the one and only RDNY Golf Outing!!!

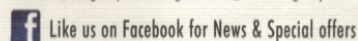
I think that's all I have for everyone now. Hope to see the cigar smokers on February 5th and the rest of you on March 13th. Pass the word about the RDNY to your friends and please pay your dues. As always, if you have any suggestions, recommendations, or comments – keep them to yourselves 😊. Just drop me an email.


Rich Santangelo, President

## **"TALKIN WILDE"** **WHAT IS GOING ON**

I don't know if you have seen any of the videos of NYPD Police Officers being involved in altercations in uniform, while their partners are standing by watching from the sidelines without taking any action? It is disgraceful to watch. What happened to us all bleeding blue and being a family. What are they teaching them in the Academy. Nobody has the right to put their hands on a Police Officer without paying the price. They get paid to protect people not to be punching bags. This never would







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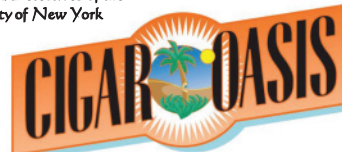
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have happened years ago. This all started with these liberal politicians and District Attorneys. In 2023 more than 2,235 NYPD Officers were assaulted. Up more than 18.5% from the year before. This has got to stop. But still, to see videos of cops being assaulted while other officers watch, is unforgiving. If the DA's would prosecute these assaults on police and resisting arrest charges to the limit, this would cease. The mutts in the street feel they can do anything against the Police with no repercussions. Just recently the City settled a lawsuit against the NYPD for \$13 million dollars in regard to the George Floyd protests. The protesters caused the turmoil, not the police. These ambulance chasing liberal lawyers, along with the politicians, are responsible for this happening. Unless the powers to be start fixing this problem this City is done. Without the Police, there is no law and order. "Back the Blue"!

### FOOTNOTE

And as if being a Police Officer is not tough enough, they now have to be aware of a certain Commissioner showing up at the Pcts. to see if they recognize him and yell ATTENTION. If not, they could be transferred. He should be more concerned about the Officers recognizing criminals than remembering what he looks like. Talk about a big head! That ain't all. More good news for the bad guys. Guess who has taken over as Chair of NYC Council Committee overseeing the NYPD? Yusef Salaam or otherwise known as one of the Central Park Five, who "allegedly" committed no crimes in Central Park. Don't forget that night numerous robberies and assaults took place, not only the rape incident. I'm sure he will have a non-bias opinion of the NYPD and will be fair and I just hit the Million Dollar Lottery. Stay safe NYPD.

### NOW THAT'S A REAL WOMAN

You know every day we read and hear all the stories about certain people claiming to be women when they were not born women. They are in beer commercials and enter into sports competitions claiming to be women even though they're not. Then along comes a real woman, Madison Marsh from Arkansas who not only is a winner of this years Miss America Pageant, but is also an active Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and also a pilot. Now that's a WOMAN! After she was crowned, she stated to women across the country "You can achieve anything. The sky is not the limit. The only person that's stopping you is you". So true! But then we have these people called men who claim to be women and disrupt what women are all about and enter into women's competitive sports. We all know that men and women are different in their physical appearance. Men are usually bigger and stronger. We are not talking about brains and smarts now. I'm sure you understand what I'm saying. I'm just surprised that all these women's rights groups have not come forward to protest these actions. It took a long time getting to where they are and to not fight for what they have achieved is confusing. These men who think they are women should not be allowed to compete in women's sports because it makes another hurdle for the young women to get by. This woman Madison Marsh proved that you can do whatever you want if you put your mind to it. She is a strong woman and young girls should look up to her. And to these men who think they are women, just because you like sitting when you pee does not make you a woman. That's why there are urinals in men's bathrooms. Different equipment. Let girls be girls!

### THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

When you were first married, would you ask your in-laws to live with you. I'm sure you said no. So why in your right mind would you invite the illegal migrants coming across the Southern Border to come to NYC? They should have gone to Delaware, the home of the man who caused the border crisis. But they are here and now it is affecting all the people in NYC and surrounding areas. We the people of New York cannot afford this burden. It has affected this city in the negative.

When they first came here everyone felt sorry for them but now they are a problem and they are moving to different parts of New York. Don't forget, we really don't know who they are. They have been committing crimes all around the city. The city had enough to deal with crime, mental issues and homelessness left by the former Mayor Putz and his wife. That problem has doubled. Now that the illegals have been here a while, they now move around the city like they grew up here. They have bikes, cars, scooters and motor bikes so that they can travel around and there is no way to keep tabs on them. How do we know that they are not terrorists and just waiting for something to happen? They come and go as they please, and they get free food and accommodations for nothing. You know you could ask your in laws to leave but these illegals are here to stay. I'm sure their former countries don't want them back either. We don't even know what they did in their countries or what they are running away from. Majority are single males and don't have families with them.

### NEVER FORGET

Just recently, we lost two great people who were heroes to us all. We should forever keep them in our prayers. First was former Chief of Department, Joseph Esposito, who was admired by everyone who knew him. He was not only a "Cops Cop" but if you knew him, he was a great man and friend. He started as a Police Trainee and worked his way up to Chief of Department before retiring. He went on to another Commissioners job in New York City. He was Brooklyn born and proud of it. Another hero we lost was 76 year old Joseph Zadroga who was killed in a tragic accident in New Jersey. He was the father of the late Det. James Zadroga who succumbed to his illness from 911 in 2006. The elder Joseph Zadruga has been credited with spearheading the Zadroga Act which helped 911 families in getting funds to assist them with their illnesses they got on 911. At a 2014 rally near Ground Zero, he wept when he remembered how his son suffered from his illness from 911. He said his son did not get the help he deserved and did not want other families to go thru what his family went thru. That's the kind of man he was. May they both Rest in Peace. God Bless.

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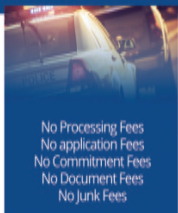
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