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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christopher J. Piazza

Our annual golf outing was held on Sept 20th, 2024, and it was a huge success. This was my 5th outing as President, I could not have been any prouder of the turnout we had. Any outing of this size cannot be a success without the help of others. I tip my hat to Jack Hellman, along with the Executive Board and Trustees who were all extremely helpful in the running of this successful outing. As always Paul Ferrigno assisted us with the raffle and the 50/50. Joe Molloy, Vincent Montagna and Frank Martarella were the "Jack of all trades", giving help where needed. Dana Motors once again donated a new car for the taking if a hole and one was recorded. John Donohue handled the photos of all the golfers at the hole in one, but sadly to say no one won that car again. The profits made from this outing will be going to many charitable causes. I would like to Thank all those who supported us with a donation or with a foursome.

As 2025 approaches we as an association are making some financial changes. A reminder that our Membership Dues are \$35.00. We will continue to require two (2) separate checks for 2025 Annual Dues and any Additional 2025 Courtesy Cards. Please make checks payable to "VERRAZZANO 10-13 Association" Do not write anything else! If you feel comfortable with the internet you can always pay online at our website vz1013.com. Please be reassured this is a safe way to pay your annual dues. As always, the success of our association is in its membership. If any member is interested in being a part of a dynamic team let us know we can always use your help on the board. As for our membership, tell a fellow MOS about us and have them join us for a meal. I am sure they feel the same as I do ... "I miss the clowns but not the circus". You would be surprised who you might bump into at a meeting. We need our brothers and sisters to stick together, especially in today's climate. Hope to see you at our annual December Christmas Luncheon.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - John Ross

Hello everyone and Welcome back from what I hope was a very enjoyable summer. Now as the fall weather approaches we can look forward to another busy season. I want to thank everyone who came out to our last membership meeting it was great to see everyone there. I want to give a big Thank you to our golf chairman Jack Hellman for running another successful golf outing so Thank you Jack! And I would also like to thank everyone who helped out & everyone who came out to golf this year the weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed themselves so thank you all.

This will be my last Newsletter submission as your Vice president as I will be stepping down as of December 31st. I want to thank our President Chris Piazza and the entire board of officers for having their confidence in allowing me to serve my time as your vice president for all my years and for all their assistance that made my term a successful one so thank you Gentlemen. I have all the confidence in our Recording Secretary Tom Dembinski who will be stepping up to Vice president. Tom has served our organization in the up most way and with the highest professionalism and competence as our Recording Secretary so I know he will continue that in his new role as Vice president so congratulations Tom and thank you for everything. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next membership meeting thank you.



TREASURER'S LINES - Henry Cartmell

I hope all are doing well. The annual golf outing was a success and all that attended had a good day. We are now preparing for the future and our holiday gathering in December at the Staaten, where we will awarding our college and high school scholarships. Don't forget to mail in any application for the scholarships.

A reminder to all to pay the 2025 dues as soon as possible. Any change of address or email need to be submitted with dues payment. Stay safe and healthy.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna



Explanation of:

Socialism, Communism, Fascism, Nazism, Anarchism, and Capitalism

- Socialism:** You have two cows. You must give one cow to your neighbor.
Communism: You have two cows. Give both cows to the Government, and they may give you some milk.
Fascism: You have two cows. You give all of the milk to the Government, and the Government sells it.
Nazism: You have two cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows.
Anarchism: You have two cows. Keep both cows. Shoot the Government agent and steal another cow.
Capitalism: You have two cows. Sell one. Buy a Bull. And make more cows.

Super Man, Cinderella and Pinocchio walking thru a street fair in San Francisco. They come upon a contest "Strongest Man in the World". Superman says he should win hands down. So he enters and lo and behold he comes out with a trophy. He took 🏆 First Place. Further they come to a "Prettiest Girl in the World" contest. So Cinderella goes in and enters the contest. She comes out with a trophy 🏆 as the winner of the Prettiest Girl in the World. Pinocchio sees another contest, "The Biggest Liar In The World". He goes in certain he will win. BUT he comes out very down trodden. They ask What happened? Pinocchio responds.... I lost!!
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IT WILL BE PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF OUR LIFETIME!



RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Tom Dembinski

Greetings and welcome to Fall.

First a shout out to Jack Hellman for another successful Golf Outing. We had nice weather and a good time was had by all participating. Thank you again Jack.

With all the indictments with in the Department and City Hall it seems to be fairly quiet in our Health Care fight. Please support the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees (For Benefit Preservation) www.nyc retirees.org. They are on social media as well as the internet. Visit their Facebook page as well as their internet site to become more informed and hopefully involved.

In other news as I briefly discussed at our September meeting is that our Newsletter is going to become an electronic news letter via email. This is in the planning stages and will become an eventuality in the coming future. Printing and postage costs are rising and we can put our funds to better use for the betterment of the organization. Every other 10-13 organization utilizes an email format for their newsletter so for the future it makes sense to switch over ourselves. Please update your addresses, phone numbers and email addresses it will make the eventual switch over seamless. We will continue to speak about the topic at all of the upcoming meetings so everyone will have up to date information.

Stay Safe Everyone



SGT. AT ARMS - Jack Hellman

Well another season has passed us by. Almost time to get the long underwear out and you snow-birds start packing. Our Annual Golf Outing dedicated to our past President and friend Rich Commesso was a success. Due to many members and friends. I want to personally thank Vinny Montana, Tom Dembinski, Joe Molloy, Paul Ferrigno, and Matt Hellman and a special thanks to Vivian Marterella and last but not least Susan & Kevin Stumpf, Riches little girl and her husband. If I left anyone out sorry because I'm getting old.

Don't forget to get out and vote. Try to make our meetings and enjoy a drink a meal and some great old friends that will tell you the same old stories we heard and told before. Enjoy the upcoming holidays with friends and family and most important BE WELL.



TRUSTEE - Philip DeLuca

Hello everyone, well summers gone and the leaves are falling. The golf outing was a success as usual because of the members that attended.

Meetings are back let's have good attendance and good times. I'll be at the clothes table as usual. Let's have a warm winter and keep the snow at the ski lodges. Thanksgiving will be here and Christmas right after. Keep an eye out for our Christmas party.

As usual we have to keep donations up for our Medicare fight, the mayor is going down but our fight is still on.

See you next month stay well everyone.



TRUSTEE - Bill Kelly

While watching all the mayhem in the streets of New York on our local news stations we were faced with a dilemma. My wife had a doctors appointment on the eastside of Manhattan, which we normally drive to but being UN week we were faced with taking public transportation, would we survive?

Before our trip I loaded her phone with her half fare metrocard, I had already loaded mine. We walked out to our corner and boarded the bus and behold the Omny screen said her credit card was expired which was not true. I swiped mine twice, making at least two people who paid.

The bus ride was good, we got seats then walked right onto the ferry. At Bowling Green the 4 train came right away and we got seats again and it was a good ride. Sue had a good doctor's appointment and it was a beautiful day. We walked around a bit and had a nice lunch. We then had an uneventful trip home.

We feel that the older we get we are becoming targets and so with some trepidation we embarked on a necessary trip using public transportation and it turned into a memorable trip. Maybe we were just lucky.

Be careful out there and be safe.



TRUSTEE - William "Harpo" Silvestri

At the risk of being redundant, I and, I'm sure our entire Verrazano 10-13 Board, extend their thanks to Sergeant At Arms Jack Hellman for making our Golf Outing a success once again. While it is true that there are others that help immensely, it is Jack that is, and has always been, the catalyst.

A thanks also to former National 10-13 President Frank Martarella and his lovely wife, Vivian for their assistance in selling Raffle Table tickets. A thank you is also in order for the Richie Commesso family for their generous donation of several gifts for our Raffle Table. And last, but not least, a big thank you to John's Catering for the great job he and his people do each year. All in all, it was a wonderful day, good sport, good food and lots of fun and the weather cooperated too.

On another note, the below is from an email I received from Medicare. It may be of interest to our membership.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT - OCT. 15 - DEC. 7

Mark your calendars — Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15! Did you know new benefits are coming to Medicare drug coverage next year?

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SPONSOR

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past two (2) years. A sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award every two (2) consecutive yearly drawings.

ELIGIBILITY

A son, daughter or grandchild of a member is eligible for a scholarship and must be attending or enrolled in a paid tuition College or University on a full-time basis (taking at least 12 credits) for the school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting (2) years. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT IS PERMITTED.** If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all but one will be discarded.

VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application. High School is for the 1st year only and must be a tuition school.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

For the school year, a \$1000 College Scholarship In Memory of President Richard Commesso and two (2) \$500.00 College Scholarships will be awarded also one (1) High School for \$500.00 will be awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance for selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn at the Verrazano 10-13 Christmas Luncheon in December (Alternate drawing date is the January General Meeting). All applications must be received by October 31st.

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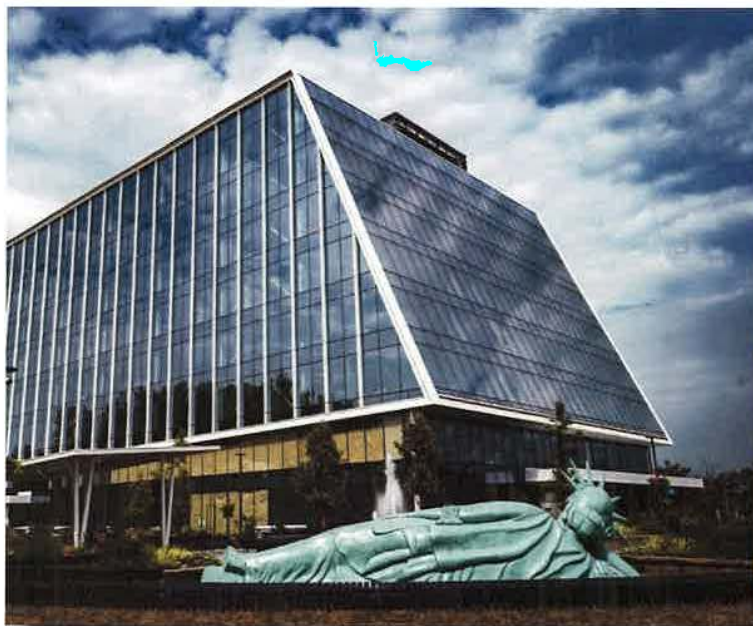


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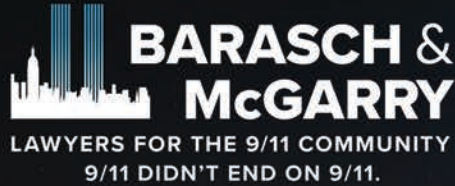
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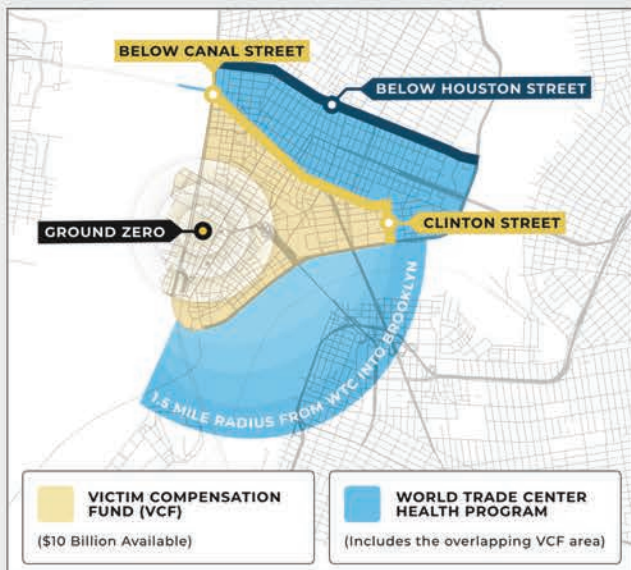
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Meetings will be held on
the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:15 PM
At Knights of Columbus #1662
Unless otherwise noted

~~January 17th~~

~~February 21st~~

~~March 20th~~

~~April 17th~~

~~May 15th~~

~~June 19th Outdoors at Nansen's Park~~

~~July August NO MEETINGS~~

~~Sept 18th~~

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~~November 20th~~

~~December 18th TBD~~

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**Application in this newsletter
Selection at the Holiday Luncheon
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(See our website for benefit information)

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