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As we approach the holiday season, we should sit back and give thanks for the blessing we have of our family and health. Driving into work this morning, I glanced at the Daily News and saw a picture of Leslya Stewart and her infant daughter at her husband Police Officer Dillon Stewart's funeral. Any time of year would be a horror, but during the holiday season it makes this loss even greater. I personally give thanks for my lovely wife, Irene, who has been at my side for the past 40 years, 2 beautiful daughters and my 4 grandchildren. One of my sons in law is a Detective in the very 70 Pct. that Officer Stewart was killed. I can not imagine the sorrow of Mrs. Stewart and her family. We of the Verrazano 10-13 will not forget the Stewart's. I also pray for the firemen, which my other son in law is a Lieutenant. We also will keep in our prayers our brother and sister officers who are sick or have lost loved ones. We also should say a prayer for all our brave troops serving in Iraq.

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Treasurer Tony Franzese and I just returned from the Arizona 10-13 convention in Laughlin, Nevada. Both Tony and I addressed the members at the convention. National President Tony Perrone was present and also spoke to the members. Tony stressed the importance of unity among the 10-13 chapters. It does not matter who the head of the organization is, but the importance of staying together on issues that greatly effect the retirees. Tony informed the members of the changes in the Medicare Bill just implemented. There was great confusion on this bill and many questions were answered by Tony. Tony then informed the members that he plans on stepping down at the end of this year from the position of National President. He is hoping that Jim Ferguson, National Vice President will step up and fill the position. I have only known Jim for a short period, but he appears to be greatly qualified. He is an extremely hard worker and knows his way around Albany.

Joe Nieves, President of the Arizona 10-13 chapter was more than a gracious host. A hospitality room was set up and many of the members congregated at night and old war stories were told again. This is one of the greatest things about the 10-13's. We get to renew old relationships and also get to meet new friends. The local chapters depend on the National to fight for us in Albany. Our local chapters look after the members in our general locals and are able to support groups as we do, such as the Police Relief Fund. As you know, this group is the pet charity of the Verrazano 10-13.

I still can not understand why certain 10-13 groups do not support Bills that would be beneficial to the retired police officers. The Verrazano will support any Bill for any retiree of the NYPD. We hope that all the other 10-13's jump on the bandwagon and do the same.



This writer is also puzzled on why the members of all the 10-13's around the country do not take advantage of the conferences that are held by our brother clubs. The National Conference, which is held at the Friar Tuck located in the Catskill Mountains, is a prime example. National President Perrone could not be more of a gracious host. The hospitality room is open 'til the wee hours of the morning and is stocked with food and drink. Each year, personal friends of mine have come and had a great time. The cost is marginal at best and the food and fun can not be topped.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> we once again had 2 bus loads of members and friends visit Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City. Although there were not too many people raving about their winnings, a good time was had by all. I personally would like to thank Vice President Tony DeNatale for helping out in securing the beverages and snacks. Treasurer Tony Franzese was also instrumental in making this trip a success. Bally's once again provided us with a scrumptious meal at the Virginia City Buffet. I do promise to get Trustee Frank Rapacciuolo the \$3.00 that is owed to him from the voucher received on the bus.

I implore the members to become more involved in the organization. If it means coming to meetings, taking time out to support us by making the trip to Albany, helping out at the golf outing or Holiday party so be it. Do not be one who sits back and just complains. You must remember that it is you who makes our organization a success. Please send in your 2006 dues and if you know a retiree, inform them of our organization and what we do for all.

In closing, we, the Board of Directors, want to wish all of our members a happy and healthy holiday season. We also wish all the health and happiness for the coming year. I personally would like to thank our Board of Directors and Trustees who have made my transition to President a pleasant one. To Harry Morse in Florida, I miss you!!!

*Richard Commes*



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LBA & CEA ..... 1-212-964-7500  
Social Security ..... 1-800-772-1213  
GHI ..... 1-800-358-5500  
Empire Blue Cross ..... 1-800-433-9592  
Medicare "A" ..... 1-800-433-9592  
Medicare "B" ..... 1-800-333-7586  
Caremark ..... 1-877-722-7911  
Ret. Health Ben. (Rector St.).. 1-212-513-0470  
Police Relief Fund /  
Emergency Medical Sqd. .... 1-718-626-9320  
or ..... 1-718-626-9321  
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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html>

## **Atlantic City Bus Trip**



Secretary Jack Hellman counts his winnings from the 50/50 Raffle on the Atlantic City Trip.



Another "Big" Winner!

## **Keep Informed**

Visit our Website at  
[www.nycop.com](http://www.nycop.com)  
to find out all the latest  
information concerning *your*  
NYC Verrazano 10-13  
Association!



Great Crowd - Great Time!



# Vice President's Lines



by Tony DeNatale

Here we are closing out another year, and preparing to usher in a new one. Unfortunately, we do so with heavy hearts as the department makes plans to bury our second brother within the past two weeks. The death of Police Daniel Enchautegui comes just a week after we buried Police Officer Dillon Stewart. The dedication of these two heroes truly exhibits the sacrifices the men and women of the department make each and every day to keep our city safe. While I applaud the actions of the Police Commissioner in promoting these heroes posthumously, I abhor the politicians who jump on the bandwagon and praise the service and the sacrifice these heroes have made for the people and the city. Sacrifice and dedication should not be equated with death, but should be measured with each and every tour of duty our active members give the city. May God bless and keep in His heart not only every one of our brother and sister officers, but also our counterparts in the Fire Department as well.

By now all of our medicare eligible retiree's have received information from their respective line organizations regarding Medicare Part D drug coverage. Each line organization had to show that its individual drug plan was as good as the plans offered by Medicare. The SBA took this once step further, instituting its very own plan for their Medicare eligible members. By doing so the SBA will be entitled to the receive an incentive from the federal government that will cover 28 per cent of the cost for each medicare eligible member.

I would like to personally thank Geraldine Hennessy, PBA Funds Manager who addressed this matter at our November meeting and Errol Ogman , SBA Funds Manager and Sam Katz of the DEA who gave their time in explaining this matter to me on a one to one basis. I would also send a note of thanks to Patsy Noto who is the retiree representative at the SBA, who also was there to lend a hand.

I would like to assure each of our members that we have a direct line of communication with all of the line organizations, thus insuring that we will make every attempt in getting the accurate and updated information to give back to our membership.

Our aim is not to look to outdo any other organization. Our purpose and goal is to seek answers from whatever organization willing to help any and all retirees.

Our December 12, 2005 meeting was a huge success. All those in attendance were entertained by Joey Arminio and the Family and feasted on a sumptuous meal prepared by our own Al Russo.

Our thanks to all our members who participated in the post card campaign sponsored by our National 10-13, calling for the Governor to sign into law our Health Protection Bill.

I would like to wish each of our members and their families a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a healthy and happy New Year. Please remember in your prayers, those who given their lives in defense of our city and country. God bless us and God bless America.



## 2006 MEETINGS

ALL meetings start at 7:30 PM on the  
3rd Wednesday of every month.  
NO meeting July & August.

- Wed. .... January 18
- Wed. .... February 15
- Wed. .... March 15
- Wed. .... April 19
- Wed. .... May 17
- Wed. .... June 21
- July 28-30 ..... National Convention
- Wed. .... September 20
- Wed. .... October 18
- Wed. .... November 15
- Wed. .... December 20
- Holiday Luncheon .. Dec. 27 @ 12:30 PM at  
King's Buffet  
2407 Richmond Ave.



# Arizona 10-13 Meeting



View of the Rocky Mountains on our way to the Arizona Convention



Relaxing in the Hospitality Suite



Nevada's Finest along with Tony Franzese, Bobbi and Tom Moffett and Rich Commesso



Executive Board members from the Arizona 10-13 and the Verrazano 10-13. Who do YOU think won the contest?



National Chairman Tony Perrone hits the big one while his wife, Pat, and VZ 10-13 Treasurer Tony Franzese watches on



Arizona President Joe Nieves with Tony Franzese and Rich Commesso





Tony Franzese, VZ 10-13 Treasurer, Don Laughlin, owner of the Riverside Casino, and Rich Commesso, President, VZ 10-13



View from the top of the Riverside Casino



National Chairpoerson Tony Perrone addresses the Convention



Richie Scataglia and his bride at the Arizona Convention

## November 17 Meeting



Trustee Larry Tavault at the November meeting



Al Russo (standing) making sure the food was as delicious as always!



# November 17 Meeting (Continued)



**VZ 10-13 President Rich Commesso presents a check to Director Geger of the Police Relief Fund**



**Sgt. Cooke of the Police Relief Fund addresses the membership**



**Our members having a grand time at the November meeting**



**Pete McPollin collects his winnings from the 50/50 Raffle**



**Another big winner at the November meeting**



**VP and Health and Welfare Chairman Tony DeNatale greets Geri Hennessey of the PBA**



# December 12 Meeting

President Commesso started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. We were reminded to keep our 2 brother officers who recently lost their lives in protecting the lives and security of others. Rich announced that we had special guests in the audience. Lorraine Shanley and Maria Gzorski from Survivors of the Shield were present and the members were grateful for National President Tony Perrone to be present. Frank Rapacciuolo was going around the room selling chances for a truck load of cheer to benefit the Widows and Orphans of the NYPD.

Rich read thank you letters from The Police Relief Fund and Mrs. Ed Lunny. Harry Morse sent a card with a Christmas message. Rich informed the members of his and Treasurer Tony Franzese trip to Laughlin Nevada for the Arizona 10-13 Convention. National President Tony Perrone was also in attendance with his wife Pat. Rich stressed the importance of supporting the 10-13's and what a great time can be had. He spoke on the upcoming National Convention which will be again held at the Friar Tuck in the Catskills.

National President Tony Perrone addressed the membership and thanked them for all the support he has received over the years. He then enlightened us on the current bills in Albany and where we stand.

Vice President & Health & Welfare Chairman Tony DeNatale updated the members on Medicare Part D. This was a confusing issue and he was able to elaborate on what should be done.

Certificates of appreciation which were framed were given out to the sponsors of our recent golf outing which was a great success. Rich and the Board of Directors thanked all those who helped make this event a success.

After breaking for diner, we were entertained by Joey Armenio and the Family. Joey, Darleen and Nick could not have been more entertaining. They played songs from the 50's and 60's. A great time was had by all. Billy O'Neal got in to the act with his rendition of Mac The Knife.

At the end of the meeting, the 50/50 was held and won by Kenny Musillo. Ken donated a good portion of his winnings back to the club. Second prize was won by Joey Armenio. It was announced that the next meeting will be the Holiday meeting at the King Buffet on Richmond Ave. A comedian will be present for entertainment.



*National President Tony Perrone addresses the membership while VP Tony DeNatale and Pres. Rich Commesso listen.*



*VP Tony DeNatale addresses the crowd*





*Some of the proud recipients of Certificates of Appreciation presented to them on behalf of the VZ 10-13*



*Lorraine Shanley and Maria Gzorski from Survivors of the Shield with President Rich Commesso and VP Tony DeNatale.*



*Joey Armenio and the Family entertaining the membership.*



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*Billy O'Neal got in to the act with his rendition of Mac The Knife*

**Joey Armenio and The Family entertains the members**



## **TREASURER'S LINES**

*by Tony Franzese*

I would like to start off by wishing all of our members, their families and friends a happy and healthy holiday season.

Upon ushering in the New Year, we will begin the process of dues renewal, new memberships, planning fundraisers and the discussion of our new endeavor - a college scholarship in the name of Joseph "Buffalo" Bellistri.

The amount of the scholarship for the first year will be \$500.00. Contributions will be accepted from private industry and also from individuals. Depending on the contributions, we are hopeful that more than one scholarship can be given. Donations for the scholarship should be made out to the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association and place in the memoline "Bellestri Scholarship Fund." Guidelines for eligibility will be in the March 2006 newsletter. Donations in any amount will be accepted.

**DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES!**

Your 2006 membership fee is due. The dues have remained the same at \$20.00. (Twenty Dollars). Please pay your dues as soon as possible. It is your dues that makes our organization solvent.

The National 10-13 Convention will again be held at the Friar Tuck Inn and will be upon us before you know it. The dates are July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you want to get away and have a great time for a nominal cost, enjoy the short ride to the Catskills. Another way to support the National is to purchase a chance in the mega raffle drawing. The tickets are \$100.00 each and you can win up to \$10,000. The National gives back \$10.00 per ticket sold to each Chapter. Details on the convention and raffle will be upcoming. Also, mark your calendar for our annual Golf Outing, which will be held on June 12 at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Details to follow in upcoming newsletter.

The Verrazano 10-13 Association gave a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the NYPD Police Relief Fund at the November meeting. The proceeds from our annual golf outing sponsors allowed us to make this donation possible. Certificates were presented to those who sponsored this event. This is our third year in a row that we have made donations at this level. The check was presented to Tom Geger who was present at the meeting.

### **MY PRAYER FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

**O Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all police officers and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to Your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them Your almighty protection. Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.**

Also let us keep in our prayers all of our members who are sick and to our 2 brothers officers who were killed in the line of duty in the past 2 weeks - the ultimate sacrifice - protecting NYC, the greatest city in the world.