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# President's Message

There have been many inquiries regarding HR218 that have come across my desk. We are looking for a qualified instructor, who can certify our members to the standards set forth in this bill. Right now, there is an instructor in Westchester County that is so busy, he can not accept any new retiree's. As soon as we get word on a certified instructor, we will pass it on to you.

Albany has been extremely quiet with the new elections and both houses in hibernation. We keep close contact with our National Organization who is right on top of all that is going on. Jim Fergerson our new National President is well abreast of the goings on in Albany and relays any new information to the local presidents. Jim is going to be a great addition to the National 10-13.

As the year drew to its close, it was time to sit back and look at what was accomplished and what has not been accomplished. Once again the Verrazano 10-13 has made a large donation to the Police Relief Fund which totaled \$3,500. We also have been active in local 10-13's throughout the city. I personally have attended several and what makes you stop and think

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is the costs that are confronted by our brother and sister officers. This is what makes our organization so important. If we don't lookout for each other, no one else will. Keep active and support our functions. Come to our meetings to renew old acquaintances and have a good time. Pay your dues so that we can keep the Verrazano solvent. It is a shame to say that were it not for a handful of members who shoulder the majority of the work, the organization would falter.

I have learned of a couple of new scams that are circulating. Be careful with the emails that you receive. The latest is an alleged company informing you that you have made an online purchase to the tune of a few hundred dollars. They question you as to if their information is correct and if you made this purchase. They will ask for your date of birth and sometimes your social security number. In the investigative business that I am currently in, I have a database which will give your social security number if you have the correct name, address and date of birth. Once these actors get this information, they can open accounts and utilize the same before you know what's happening.

Another scam is with the purchase of "Gift Cards" from a display rack. Actors are now jotting down the numbers of these cards and will call the company to ascertain the balance. Once they find the card is activated, they have been making purchases on the same via internet. Once again it is the computer that gets us in trouble. I remember fighting the job when they took my manual Underwood from me in the squad and replaced it with an electric typewriter. I realize that we are in a computer world, but be careful in its use.

You all have been mailed your new membership eards along with a card from the National 10-13. I know that you run into prior brother and sister officers. Let them know who we are and what we do. The old adage states "there is strength in numbers". This is so true, especially when wheeling and dealing in Albany. Make an effort to join us on our trip to Albany this year. We have new Legislators, Assemblymen, Senators and such. We need to let our voices be heard.

This writer attended the National Law Enforcement Holiday Luncheon on December 15, 2006. There were many politicians present who were all looking for pats on the back. I must have sounded like a broken record by bringing up the bill to guarantee our health benefits. Our National will keep up this fight for us in Albany.

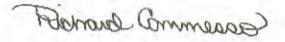
I happened to be seated next to Omar Minaya, General Manager of the Mets. It seems that he is a big law enforcement fan. I invited him to our annual golf outing, even though with his busy schedule he was quick to point out that he will send Met tickets for us to raffle off.

Our Vice President, Anthony DeNatale paid a visit to Harry Morse in Florida. He informs me that silicone valley has taken up a new place of business in Del Ray Beach. Harry will be up for the holidays and I understand that Harry is still Harry. He is feeling well and rumor has it that he will become the new Mayor of Del Ray Beach.

Tony Perrone, our ex President of the National 10-13 came to our Holiday Luncheon. His lovely wife Pat was also present. Tony addressed the members and informed them that he will be taking over as President of the Hudson Valley 10-13. You can't keep old dogs down.

One of our new members and old friend of mine, Vincent Montagna out of the 62<sup>nd</sup> pct. was at the Holiday Luncheon. He informed me of a person who certifies range instructors and is interested in certifying our members to qualify for HR218. He will be contacting me and as soon as everything is in place, will pass the information to our members.

Just a reminder, please get your 2007 dues in as soon as possible. Make an overt effort to attend our informative meetings and support your organization.



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# Vice President's Lines by Anthony G

by Anthony G. DeNatale

Here we are at the beginning of another new year. I hope that 2006 was a good one for our members and their families. It is my sincere wish that 2007 is filled with good health and happiness for all.

I'd like to thank all Board members and trustees who helped to make this past year a successful one for our organization. Through the efforts of President Rich Commesso, our membership has increased, and continues to grow. This past June members and guests participated in what was our most successful golf outing. This was no small task, and through the efforts of our Board and the many volunteers, it came off without a hitch. Thanks to all who helped and participated we were able to increase our gift to the Police Relief Fund. This year's outing is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

2006 saw the inception of the Joseph Bellistri Memorial Scholarship Fund, Checks were awarded to college students in his honor. Joe was our charter Treasurer and a good friend and colleague to many of us. This fund was made possible by donations from our members at each monthly meeting. Our members have also risen to the occasion when asked to contribute to 10-13's for our active brothers and sisters. For all the good that we've experienced in 2006, the year had its share of tragedy and disappointments. Our brave troops continue to put themselves in harms way and lay down their lives to help free a country and to protect our freedom. Our own heroes on the front lines in the war on crime in the city have also made the supreme sacrifice to protect our freedom. God bless each and every one of them.

Our disappointments were capped off by the failure of a governor and key legislators to pass a much needed health protection bill. Rest assured, the Executive Board will continue to press on. Hopefully, Governor Spitzer will understand just how important this legislation is. We ask our members to accompany us to Albany this upcoming "Lobby Day;" to support the effort

At this time I'd like to give a special thank you to our "Chef Extraordinaire," Al Russo. Each meeting Al continues to put together a meal that would grace anyone's table. His efforts are tireless, and do not go unnoticed. There isn't an organization that I know of that puts out a feast the likes of which are prepared by Al.

Finally, I'd like to ask each of our members to reach out to a fellow retiree and tell them about our organization. You don't have to be a Board Member to recruit.

## Secretary's Notes

by Jack Hellman

### November 15, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Commesso with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. The troops in Iraq were also in our prayers. President Commesso informed the members of a typing error in the last newsletter. If a member reached the age 62 in the year 2006, his cola money will not be deducted from his VSF.

Director Tom Deegar and Sergeant James Cooke were present from the NYPD Police Relief Emergency Medical Squad. President Commesso presented them with a check for \$3,500 which was the proceeds from the annual golf tournament held this past June. Director Deegar addressed the members and thanked them for our continued support. A few of the members told of their personal dealings with the Emergency Medical Squad. A call was made and the needed medical supplies were received the next day.

Once again Al Russo outdid himself with a lavish turkey dinner with all the trimmings. It appeared that the members were having their last meal. All enjoyed the fare as there were no leftovers.

After the break, Captain Ed Reuss address the members and informed them of a meeting for the Emergency Response Program. New ID cards will be issued to members who volunteer for this program. Anyone interested in joining should contact Captain Reuss through his NYCOP.COM.

National President Jim Fergurson attended the meeting and addressed the membership. Jim stressed that he will continue the fight for all retired members with regard to health protection and VSF issues. He states that he is available to all 10-13 organizations throughout the country.

The 50/50 raffle was won by John McLoughlin who made a generous donation to the Joseph "Buffalo" Bellistri Scholarship Fund.

### December 20, 2006 Meeting

The meeting started off with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for all our sick and departed members. A special prayer was said for our troops overseas. President Commesso updated our membership regarding upcoming events. They were informed of the annual golf outing that will take place on June 11, 2006 at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. The fee will again be \$100.00 per golfer and the same holds true for the sponsorship of a hole or tee. Once again all proceeds from the sponsorship will go to the NYPD Police Relief Fund. Rich also reminded us of the annual trip to Albany and stressed the importance of a large turnout. There are newly elected politicians that we must recon with. President

Commesso then read a letter from the NYPD Relief Fund Director which thanked us for our contribution. We had guest speakers from an insurance company that informed the members of long term health care. Information was passed out in the form of pamphlets. Mr. & Mrs. John Nemmeth were present with their son who was presented with the first annual Joseph "Buffalo" Bellestri scholarship. Frank Rapacciuolo, chairman of the scholarship fund presented a check for \$500.00. After breaking for a hot holiday meal prepared by Chef Al Russo, the singing group "The Husbands" entertained us. Margaret Falcone got up and joined the group which sang songs from the 50's on up. The evening came to an end with "Lucky" Ed Bell winning the 50-50. Ed made a generous donation back to the organization. Second prize was won by "Big" Jim Aanasen who also made a donation. Bottles of cheer were won by Jack Moran, Joe Marra, Ben Caruso, "Irish" Eddie Jordan and Joe Coniglio.

### Holiday Luncheon December 27, 2006

Our annual Holiday Luncheon was again held at the King's Buffet on Richmond Ave. Staten island, NY. Once again it was well attended with members as far away from Florida, Long Island, New Jersey, Brooklyn and Staten Island attending. After putting aside the normal formalities of the meeting, the members ate and ate and ate. I personally noted that there were members who knew their way around a buffet. Their plates were always well balanced. We were entertained by a retired member of the NYPD Pete Michaels, who has been on all the late night shows and has entertained throughout the country. He brought along his little Italian puppet who had everyone laughing till it hurt. For those of you who don't make our meetings, talk to someone who has. A great time was had by all. It was good to see all the old faces (and I mean old) whom I haven't seen in a long time. To those of you from Florida, I hope you make it back to your concentration camps with golf courses safely. I personally want to wish all our members a joyous and happy New Year!

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# Here's To Your Health!

by Anthony G. DeNatale

I'd like to take this opportunity to digress from my usual format on health issues, and touch upon some issues that could be directly affected by your health.

At our December meeting we were fortunate enough to have Jerry Darringer and Mike Hasenbalg, from Genworth Financial as our guest speakers. Jerry addressed the topic of "long term health care." Many of us have not given this issue much thought, even though it can have catastrophic consequences on our love ones. The prospect of a spouse losing their life savings in order to afford adequate long-term care for any one of us is a real and frightening possibility. I urge our members to consider discussing this problem with their loved ones and seeking the advice of specialist like Jerry and Mike or whomever they wish to deal with. Even if this plan is not to your liking because of cost factors, it might be something for a younger member of your family to look into.

Other areas of concern to our members should be; wills, living wills, health care proxies. A check on your annuities, insurance policies and trust funds to insure that they are up to date and list the proper beneficiaries is also recommended.

In the upcoming months I will make every effort to have guest speakers that will be able to address these needs.

Any one wishing to contact Jerry Darringer can do so at 866-582-2436 Ext.4617.

# Treasurer's Report

by Anthony Franzese

2007 Dues are now due! Please submit your dues as soon as possible. We had what can be classified as a very successful 2006. In our next issue, I will list all the donations that were given out in 2006.

The line organizations recognize the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association as in a class by itself. Many a 10-13 was attended by one of our Board Members and our presence was deeply appreciated.

I strongly recommend that we support our fund raising activities. Our annual golf outing, which is always a big success, will again be held at the Bunker Hill Golf Course on June 11, 2007. I would like to double the amount of golfers. As you well know, the proceeds from the sponsorships go directly to the Police Relief Fund. This year we were able to donate \$3,500. We would love to reach the \$4,000 goal this year.

Our trips to Atlantic City generate revenue for our organization. There are a few members who make donations above and beyond their dues. This year, we were able to give 2 scholarships for the Joseph "Buffalo" Bellistri Scholarship Fund. At each meeting, members throw a dollar or 2 into the jar for this fund.

At times of need, hopefully our members will contact us so that appropriate actions can be taken.

I wish all our members a healthy and prosperous New Year.

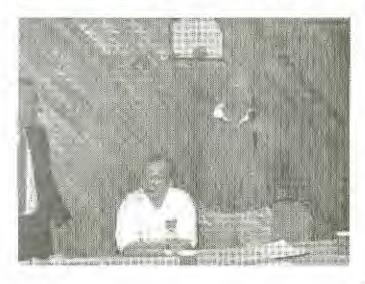
# November Meeting













# Letter of Thanks from the Police Relief Fund

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November 27, 2006

Mr. Richard Commesso NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association PO Box 061725 Staten Island. NY 10306

Dear Mr. Commesso:

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for your donation to the Police Relief Fund. As you know any donations we receive are immediately deposited into the fund to benefit all uniformed members of our department. Your donation allows us to expand and supplement our purchase of equipment to better serve our members and their families.

I enjoyed attending your meeting again this year and speaking to your members. I was very pleased to hear that many had used our services throughout the year and were impressed with the services they received and the officers who either transported them or delivered and setup their equipment. Our goal has always been to assist the membership during their time of need and our officers take great pride in being able to accomplish this mission.

Again, thank you and your association for considering us as the recipient of this donation. As always if you or any of your members have any questions or need assistance please give us a call at 718-626-9320 and we will do our best to assist you.

Sincerely.

Thomas M. Deger Director

TMD/rmz





November meeting 50-50 Winners!

## Atlantic City Bus Trip - November 10, 2006



Full House!



L-R: Tony Franzese (Treas.), Tony DeNatale (VP), Mike Trageser, Director of Marketing for Harrah's chain, and Rich Commesso (Pres.)



Lucky Winner of 50-50



NY Mets General Manager Omar Minaya and Verrazano 10-13 President Rich Commesso at the National Law Enforcement Christmas Luncheon

## New York City Verrazano 10-13 Association's



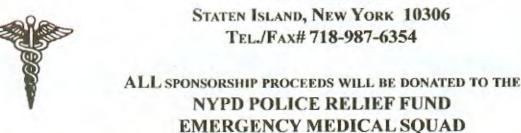
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# December Meeting



Entertainment provided by "The Husbands"



Margaret Falcone joins in on the fun!



The members are all ears!



Winner of the 50-50 drawing - Ed Bell



Past-Pres. Harry Morse and Trustee Ed Reuss

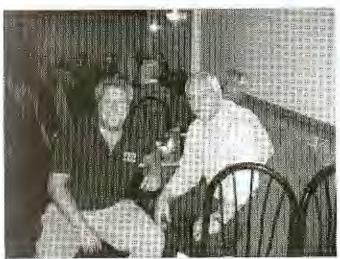


John Nemeth, winner of the Joe Bellestri Scholarship, with (I-r) Chairman of the Scholarship Committee Frank Rapacciuolo, -12- John's parents, and President Rich Commesso

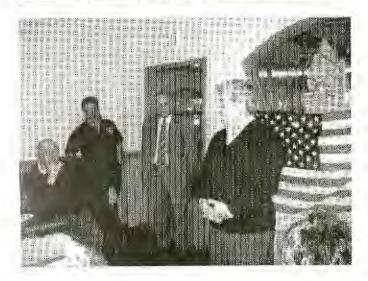
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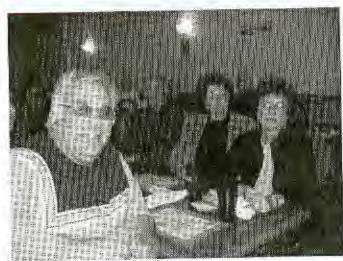


# Holiday Luncheon













Retired Police Officer Pete Michaels and friend entertain the membership!

# Su Doku Challenge

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GAME #2

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GAME #3

To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number, from 1 to 9, in each empty box. Each number must appear ONLY ONCE in each horizontal row, as well as ONLY ONCE in each vertical column AND in each of the 3x3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it.

That's how Su Doku works.

Try it!