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I believe it's time to feel good about ourselves. Who we are, and what we do, is important. To ensure that you, our members, realize the amount of good your organization does, on your behalf, through your benevolent generosity and participation; I'd like to first give you the originating foundation, which describes *your* NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association; then itemize how we live up to our description.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

Said organization is organized for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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The corporation will further the welfare of all active and retired police officers of the New York City Police Department.

To promote programs that will improve the quality of life for active and retired police officers, their surviving spouses and children.

To lend support to the widows and orphans of New York City Police Officers.

To promote programs that build stronger bonds between police and the children in the community, with special emphasis on youth development and child protection.

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These words appear verbatim in our Corporation Papers, signed and sealed on the 10th day of January, 2001, by the State of New York Department of State.

I am proud and happy to list the transformation of these words from typeset embossed on sheets of Corporate papers; to the real, dedicated, and tangible results of your, and your Association's, good will and benevolence.

These figures are for the year 2003. The NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association has been helping those in need, from its very inception, and continues to do so.

*February 4, 2003* - Staten Island World of Women Inc. Bowl-a-thon; benefit for the Grace Foundation

*March 24, 2003* - Staten Island World of Woman Inc. Scholarship Fund

*March 27, 2003* - Brooklyn Kiwanis Baseball League

*May 5, 2003* - South Shore Rotary, Santo Clemente Fund

*September 4, 2003* - Retired P.O. Bobby Williamson, "10-13" Fund.

*September 25, 2003* - N.Y.P.D. Police Relief Fund, Emergency Medical Squad

*September 25, 2003* - Tottenville High School, Journal Ad

*October 31, 2003* - God Bless Rafaello Carone Fund, 10-13 for child of Lt. Ralph Carone

*November 20, 2003* - Matthew Von Dollen, son of Sgt. Danny Von Dollen, 10-13 Fund


*November 20, 2003* - Tyler Vranick, infant son of P.O. Steve Vranick, 10 - 13 Fund

*December 18, 2003* - Project Hospitality, Staten Island

*December 18, 2003* - Toys For Tots, United States Marine Corps League

The total amount of money donated to these worthy causes, by the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association, in the 2003 fiscal year, arrives at Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars. **\$6,415.00. Give yourselves a nice pat on the back. You deserve it! Thank you.**

Sincerely,

  
**Harry Morse, Jr., President  
Board and Trustees**



National President Tony Perrone, with file in hand, is ready to enter Councilman Gentile's office, and bring him up to speed, relative to NYCPD Retirees' concerns.



President Perrone, taking care of business, with City Councilman Gentile.



Cordial visit complete. Business to be continued. Left to Right: National V.P. and NYC Verrazano 10-13 President, Harry Morse, Jr.; National President, Tony Perrone; New York City Councilman, Vincent Gentile.

## Copy of Email from State Senator Marty Golden

Dear Harry,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me in support of the legislation which would allow for judges to sentence repeat misdemeanor offenders within the penalty of a felony. It is good to hear from you.

At this time, you should know that this legislation has passed the State Senate. Now, we must contact our representatives in the Assembly and advocate to them the importance of the passage of this legislation. Please be assured of my continued support.

This legislation will make for all of us a safer and better way of living here in New York City and in our State.

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator.

Marty Golden  
State Senator

## **SUPPORT YOUR** **ORGANIZATION!**

**C**olors, colors, everywhere! We all know what the ole red, white, and blue signify. If red wasn't the color designating the Fire Department, we'd probably have our NYC Verrazano 10-13 shirts and caps in that color too. This is just an advisement that our highly touted NYC Verrazano 10-13 shirt and hat design, now come in the color white; to complement our original navy blue products. Support and advertise your organization. Purchase and wear proudly, your NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association's shirt and hat.

## Vice President's Lines

*by Rich Comnesso*

Get those golf clubs out of storage and prepare for a great time. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf outing will be taking place on June 14, 2004. Anyone who participated in last year's event can tell you what a great time was had by all. Jack Hellman and Ed Reuss will co-chair the outing with this writer. Remember Jack is the "King of the BBQ." A scrumptious meal is planned for all. Liquid refreshment will be served all day long.

The Police Relief Fund benefits all active and retired members. Hopefully none of us will be using their services in the near future. When you do need their services, they are there to help.

As of this writing, we have lined up 9 sponsors for the tee areas. Hopefully by the time of the outing, all tees will have a sponsor. Remember that you don't have to be a Tiger Woods to participate in the outing. If you plan to attend, give me a call on the office number (718-987-3654) and send your check in the amount of \$90.00 to our PO Box.

I had been approached to get approximately 50 members of our organization to act as a security detail for the arrival of the Queen Mary II. They would have worked 4/22 through 4/25 at a rate of \$25.00 an hour. Ralph Aiello, one of our members reports that he had been scheduled to work and received a call at 9:00 pm on 4/21 stating that retired Police Officers were not allowed to work. I personally am looking into this matter and will report back at our next meeting. From what I have learned so far, is that the Waterfront Commission did not want retired members.

This situation has never happened before. Approximately 4 times a year, I call on active and retired members to provide security at different locations. I can promise you that this will not happen again.

The annual National Convention is approaching rapidly. The dates are July 30, through August 1. Friar Tuck will be the site once again this year. It is a time when we can get together with our families and have a really good time.

The National 10-13 depends on this outing to outlay many of the costs of operation through the year. National President Tony Perrone has an uphill fight to maintain the benefits that we are losing slowly. The National also depends on the chances that are now being sent to all members. You will receive 3 chances. The Verrazano 10-13 receives money from each chance sold. If you are not planning to attend this years convention, please buy all 3 chances that are sent to you.

## NYC Verrazano 10-13 Window Decals



Due to the request of many of our members, your Organization has made available a handsome, 3" diameter, circular window decal (illustration displayed - 5 colors).

The decals sell for \$1.00 each and may be purchased at the meetings, the National Convention, or via the mail.

If you choose the latter, we ask you to write your check in the amount of \$1.00 for EACH decal requested. Please make a notation on the MEMO line of your check to read WINDOW DECALS. Also necessary is for you to send a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we may send the decals to you.

The purchase and display of our decals is an excellent way to promote your organization, and a nominal form of fundraising for your guild.

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Thank you.

Board of Officers,  
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## CLUE

**Election Day Vote (2 words)**

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*Answers on page 16*

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## *Just Another Day*



Left to right: National and NYC Verrazano 10-13's Health and Welfare Chairman, Anthony DeNatale, PBA's Funds Manager, Carmine Russo, and Tony Perrone, National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc. President.



This hastily called meeting was initiated by our National President, in an effort to clear up an administrative nightmare, which was set in place by the City's Health Benefits Office, 40 Rector Street. Due to their snafu, numerous Jersey Shore 10-13 members were negatively impacted.

We are happy to report, through the efforts of our National President, and our Health and Welfare Chairman the Jersey Shore 10-13 members were assisted, and able to keep the aggravation and red tape, to a minimum

## *Meeting Memorandum*

### *Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

**T**his meeting convened the day after Fat Tuesday. A Wednesday, stepping off and striding toward the season of rebirth: "Spring!" After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was very sad as many names were called out, of our loved ones and friends, who had passed away in the recent months. Our 'moment of silence' complete, the members were welcomed, and given an overview of the meeting's itinerary, by President Morse. Shortly thereafter, the dinner bell sounded, and plates were being filled. After the completion of a delicious and varied menu, the contented assemblage gave their attention to National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, President, Tony Perrone.

Our National leader brought the membership up to date on the Legislative agenda; which will be advocated by our Parent Organization. Mr. Perrone advised the audience of his recent meetings with City Councilman Vincent Gentile, AFL-CIO President Dennis Hughes, State Assemblyman Frank Seddio, State Senator Thomas Moynihan, State Assemblyman Anthony Seminario, and PBA Funds Manager Carmine Russo. He continued to explain to the Verrazano faithful, that on March 8th, he will be meeting with State Assemblymen Tocci, Lavallo, and Abbate. His day in Albany is a very busy one, concluding with appointments to visit State Senators Balboni and Leibell, as well. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated person representing us and working so diligently, on our behalves.

When time comes, we show President Perrone our appreciation for his efforts, by taking the bus trip to Albany, for New York State Alliance Lobby Day, Wednesday, May 12th, (see article) We should also make a concerted commitment to attend the National Convention at the Friar Tuck Resort; taking place on Friday, July 30th to Sunday, August 1st. (see details in this publication). Finally, along with attending these two events, every member of our guild must rightfully display their support and gratitude for the untiring work performed by our National. When the National raffle tickets are sent to you, we'd expect you to promptly purchase, and/or sell, the three chances that you receive. Keep in mind, that these raffle tickets, in conjunction with the National Convention, are the only source of financing for our "Parent;" beyond the nominal dues we

pay to it. Also, please remember, that \$2.00 of each \$5.00 raffle purchase, comes right back to your NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association's treasury. The beautiful thing about this deal is; we don't pay to have the tickets printed, and we don't supply the prize money. These costs are incurred by our National. We have a terrific opportunity to help fuel the 'engine' which is powering the advocacy of NYCPD Retirees' Benefits and Rights.

Vice President Rich Commesso reminded the VZ 10-13 members of the valuable resources administered by the Police Emergency Medical Squad. He also advised them of the upcoming Golf Outing, of which he is Chairman; taking place on Monday, June 14th. (see flyer for details).

Treasurer Anthony Franzese gave his report, and introduced a new line of NYC Verrazano 10-13 sportswear.

Health and Welfare Trustee Anthony DeNatale, who was also named this year's National Convention's Person of the Year Honoree by President Tony Perrone, gave brief, yet helpful advise, to those in attendance. Another good reason for your attending the Convention. Acknowledge **our** honoree!

Secretary Ruth Richards was kept busy, updating our roster with three new members signing up at the meeting, along with numerous renewal payments for 2004.

Big Joe Masella was busy at his usual Sgt. At Arms post; working the door. He wasn't sure if the Trustees by his side, weren't going to work each other over, so Joe kept close watch of the metal bucket used to collect the 50/50 and door prize tickets.

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It was a nice surprise to see a couple of fellows who've had a tough go of it on the health front, in attendance. Both Larrys made it their business to be with us this evening. Larry TeVault, who not too long ago had part of his leg amputated, walked into the Marine Corps League Hall with his newly fitted prosthesis, and cane in hand. Larry made the trip in from Marine Park, Brooklyn. (What's your reason/excuse for not making it to the meetings?) Another Larry, this one by the name of Ernst, entered into the meeting place albeit 40lbs. lighter than the previous meeting he attended, a couple of months ago. Sgt. Larry was struck by a severe strain of pneumonia, which laid him up for seven full weeks. Although he still looked a bit weak, and he said he felt like he went seven rounds with Lenox Lewis, his spirits were up, as he expressed gratitude for the thoughts, calls, prayers, and cards, from his VZ 10-13 co-members and friends.

Mentioning 50/50 and door prize tickets two paragraphs ago reminds this reporter to announce the winners. Before I do, I'd like to say it was really great to see a few guys who'd never get to a meeting for whatever reason or another. It was overheard by one of our "insiders," you know, one of our regular attendees, that the three surprise newcomers were telling each other the explanation they gave their wives so they could get out of the house and attend the meeting. It seems they all wanted to start the Lenten Season on a solemn note, and take in the first day released; Mel Gibson production. Just prior to the end of the meeting, Luddy Rafano, Ceasar Ciardello, and Jack Yordt, were seen cramming over Cliff Notes of "The New Testament," before they left for home.

Perhaps beginners luck, or a bit of Divine Intervention, or both; made Luddy Rafano a winner of the C Note +, 1st Prize 50/50. We heard Luddy is on a roll. He cleaned up a *real nice* piece of change on Super Bowl Sunday. Aaahhh yes, the days we used to hang out at 'Jody's Club Forest.'. Congratulations Lud! Couldn't happen to a nicer guy. 2nd Prize Consolation 50/50 went to our own Ruth Richards. Dues and a sawbuck; not bad Ms. Secretary!

Last, but not at all least, the door prize winner. Before I mention the lucky guy, I need to thank the donors of the wonderful gift. Not only did the gentlemen from UBS Financial Services, Inc. donate the evening's great door prize, the company supported us further, by taking out a quarter page Ad in our newsletter; to the tune of \$225.00. The Board and members thank Louis Sforza, Divisional Vice President, Mark Hillers, Financial Advisor, and Tom Calzolari, Financial Advisor, of UBS, for their generous support and friendship. Mr. Hillers and Calzolari were present at the meeting, and broke bread with the members. Sgt. Herbie Sheldon gave *them* a few tips, and made them feel welcome and at home.

Oh yea, the winner of the \$100.00 gift certificate to Nucci's Restaurant on Arthur Kill Rd. in Staten Island is ..... "Capt." Ed Reuss. Laurel, let him know it doesn't count when he takes you out for the dinner at Nucci's. Tell him, *he* has to spring! Buon Appetite!

If you didn't yet pay your 2004 dues, you received this report, and newsletter, in error. As the sportscaster for the Mets exclaims when the rarely hit home run goes over the wall "*You're (it's) out of here!*"



Secretary Ruth Richards takes 2nd prize in the 50/50 drawing. Treasurer Franzese does the honors, as Anthony DeNatale, and V.P. Rich Commesso, look on - all smiles!



# February 25, 2004 Meeting



John Cupelli, (l.) is preparing himself a nice birthday dinner dish. You'd never think by looking at him, that he was celebrating part of his 68th, with his VZ 10-13 buddies. Congratulations John!



Health and Welfare Officer, for both, the "National," and our organization; Anthony DeNatale. Tony will be recognized at the National Convention, on July 31, 2004. Let's show our appreciation for both the National, and "our" Honoree, by being in attendance.



UBS Financial Advisors, Tom Calzolari, (l.) and Mark Hillers, (r.) broke bread with the NYC VZ 10-13. We hope you're feelin' better Mark! Thank you, for your support.



Part of the attentive VZ 10-13 crowd, lending their ears, as National President Tony Perrone, addresses them.



Luddy Rafano (r.) is all smiles as VZ 10-13 Treasurer, Anthony Franzese, just loaded him up with a fistful of 50/50 dollars. Congrats Lud!



Trustee, "Capt." Ed Reuss, (l.) humbly accepts the door prize, which was donated by UBS. Mr. Tom Calzolari, makes the presentation.

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## March 24, 2004 Meeting



Chef Al Russo keeps a watchful eye on Jack Hellman, as Jack piles up a stack of paper plates; while he heads into the buffet.



The VZ 10-13 really enjoys it when Sgt. Bill Oetting wins the 50/50. As he has done in the past; Sgt. Bill always donates a nice piece of change from his winnings back to the club. Is there a method to his madness? Errhh, we mean generosity.



Joe Coniglio takes a break from his photographer duties. Finally, he is seen through the viewfinder, on the other side of the lens. Thanks Joe, for doing such a fine job.



"The Red Cups Are Coming, The Red Cups Are Coming!"



"The Red Cups Are Coming, The Red Cups Are Coming!"



Larry TeVault has faced much adversity this past year. A good sense of faith, humor, and determination; allows him to travel from Marine Park, Brooklyn, and enjoy the company of his V 10-13 friends.



The camera catches Joe Cianfrone trying on a NYC VZ 10-13 shirt. His brother Ralph, can't stand to look, until he's fully clothed. Looks good, and they're all smiles!



Brothers-in-Law, Oreste Fazio (l.), and Sgt. At Arms, Joe Masella, take time out for a Kodak moment at meeting's end.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**March 24, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Morse and prior to breaking for a scrumptious meal provided by Al Russo, he announced 4 new members to our organization. They are Terry Bennett, Joe Bonamo Jr., Nick Saccenti and John Picozzi. They received a warm welcome from the members.

Treasurer Tony Franzese gave his report on the monies in both the General and Special accounts. Donations were made to well deserving charities.

I informed the membership on the annual golf outing to take place on 6/12/04 at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. I asked for volunteers and a show of support for the event.

Health & Welfare Chairman Tony DeNatale spoke to the members on the problems he faced in securing information regarding retired members. He also informed us that members of the Jersey Shore 10-13 had problems with their medical plans, as a change took place while one of their members was hospitalized. He is working on a release to obtain personal information so that he can be a help on securing benefits.

National President Tony Perrone took time from his busy schedule to travel to our meeting and to address our members. He informed us of 10 bills that are currently before the legislature. He also requested that as many members as possible to attend the National Convention. The members were further notified that the honoree for this year's convention would be our own Tony DeNatale.

President Morse informed the members that he has ordered window decals with the Verrazano 10-13 logo. They will be sold for \$1.00 each and can be purchased by ordering the same through our PO Box.

The meeting was ended with the 50/50. Bill Octing was the winner of 1<sup>st</sup> prize and donated \$50.00 back to the organization. Paul Modiferi took the consolation prize.



# Flag Day



I came across these words while reading a booklet published by the "National Association Of Chiefs Of Police." I thought; how sad it is, that I never knew these verses existed. The titled piece from which they originate is all so very familiar to me, and to the general population. The following are the passages, of which I speak. Can you answer the question? What literary artistic work, do these words espouse from?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;  
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave

From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave!  
O! thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the foe's desolation;  
Bless'd with victory and peace, may our Heaven-rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just -  
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust!"

It's pretty amazing to me how the secularists would have it; that there be no mention of God, in the daily lives of the citizenry of this great country. Our "Founding Fathers," when authoring our unanimous declaration of the thirteen united States of America, on July 4, 1776, began, and ended, this masterful writing; with the acknowledgement and reliance on God.

*"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's **God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."*

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of **Divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."*

Before I leave you to search the archives of your patriotic senses, and name the “work” from which the three earlier passages emanate, I’d like to complete this article with the last line from a renowned speech, given by one of our country’s most revered statesmen; Abraham Lincoln, on November 19, 1863, his “Gettysburg Address.”

“ .....that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -  
that this nation, under **God**, shall have a new birth of freedom -  
and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

The answer to the Patriotic Quiz Question, is located below.



Surrounded...120 Pct. Club President, PO Maritza Ortiz (3rd from left) is in the midst of National NYCPD 10-13 President Tony Perrone (r) and VP Harry Morse, Jr. (l). Ruth Richards, former 120 Pct. Club President and current Secretary of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association (3rd from r) arranged for the “past and present” to compare notes and exchange smiles with each other at a 120 Precinct Club meeting. Other 120 Precinct Club Members complete the photo.



A “Grand Time” - The Excelsior Banquet Hall on Hylan Blvd. Staten Island was the location for celebration and tribute to fellow officer, PBA Delegate, PBA Trustee and friend; George Strype (c) George retired after 35 years of service to the citizens of New York City, and the PBA. Joining George for his well-deserved bash are (from left): “Capt.” Ed Reuss, Ruth Richards, Frank Rapacciuolo, Honoree George, Jack Clarke, Larry Ernest and Jack Hellman. This group of well-wishers are also members of the NY VZ 10-13 Assn., and made sure newly-retired George’s night didn’t end without him joining the club. Secretary Ruth supplied the application. Welcome aboard, George!

Do you still need another clue, as to what the answer is? O.K., your final clue is; These words are part of a song whereas the first stanza is played or sung, at the beginning of every professional sporting event; taking place in our country.

Yes, you may not have known, as I didn’t know. **“The Star-Spangled Banner”** by Francis Scott Key, has four verses to it. The words are all inspiring, and again display the sentiments of many, and most Americans. We welcome and need Divine Intervention, as it pertained to the inception, and pertains to the continuing preservation, of our great Republic; The United States of America.  
Happy Flag Day! Monday, June 14, 2004.

Sincerely,  
*Harry Morse Jr.*  
Harry Morse, Jr.



## **Lobby Day Bus Trip to Albany**

These are the Bills we lobbied for on our bus trip to Albany on May 12, 2004. We thank all the members who gave their time and took the ride.

**COLA Enhancement: A.4146** - No movement. No Senate Bill. Presently being redrafted into several individual bills.

**Additional Pension Credits: A.5572A and S.2483** - No movement.

**Ordinary Disability Allowance for Police and Fire Retirees: S.3338** - No Assembly Bill. Increase earnings from one quarter to one half. No movement.

**Health Insurance Protection (as of Jan 1, 1998): A.1323 and S.2368** - No movement.

**Health Insurance Protection for All Public Retirees: S.2501B and A.7175** - No movement.

**Extension of Variable Supplement Fund (NYC) to all NYC Police and Fire retirees: A.1349 and S.2234** - No movement.

**Variable Supplement Recipients to Receive COLA: A.4430 and S.2660** - No movement.

Passed and signed into Law - 2004

**Increase Retiree Earnings without Diminishment of Retirement Benefits:** In 2004 and thereafter, increases amount from \$25,000 to \$27,500. A.9349 passed January 12, 2004 and S.5893 passed January 20, 2004. Governor signed into law February 2, 2004, Chapter 4 Laws of 2004.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please take a moment to check your mailing label on this newsletter for the year you last paid dues. If it does NOT indicate 2004, you are in arrears! Please remit your \$20 check payable to the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association and mail to our office for renewal. Otherwise, you will be dropped from our rolls and this will be your last newsletter. If you believe there is a discrepancy, kindly contact our office phone (718-987-6354) so that we may clear it up. Thank you.

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# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

The following is a list of phone numbers that can be very useful when obtaining information from the various units.

NYPD General Information:	646-610-5000
Pension Section (Art. 1):	212-374-6884
Pension Section (Art. 2):	646-610-6824
or	646-610-8192
ID Card Section:	646-610-5000
Employee Benefits:	212-513-0470
PBA Health & Welfare:	212-608-9671
PBA Toll-Free:	877-844-5842
PBA Retiree:	212-298-9246
DEA Office:	212-587-9120
SBA Health Benefit:	212-431-6555
LBA:	212-964-7500
Social Security:	800-772-1213
GHI:	800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross:	800-358-9592
Medicare Reimbursement:	212-513-0470
Medicare "A":	800-433-9592
Medicare "B":	800-333-7586
NYC Health Line:	800-521-9574
NYPD (DIF):	212-374-5508
VA Benefits:	800-827-1000
SPRING 3100	212-374-5750
"DO NOT CALL" Registry:	888-382-1222
Police Relief Fund /	
Emergency Medical Squad:	718-626-9320
or	718-626-9321
NYC Pension Web Site:	
<a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html">http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html</a>	

Scott LoBaido, a renowned Staten Island artist, has been commissioned to create a work, in honor of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association, and all Police Officers, of the New York City Police Department. We are planning to have a raffle/fundraiser; in which the prize is the original artwork, composed by Mr. LoBaido. The organization will unveil the work when the original canvas is gifted by its creator at the National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations' Inc. Convention; Saturday evening, July 31, 2004.

Please do your best to be in attendance. Express to Mr. LoBaido, how much we appreciate the generous benevolence he contributed to our organization. His many hours of work, the extraordinary talent which is his art and creativity; have been given to us as a tribute, and a way to raise monies; to further the good intentions of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association.



Retired 120 Sergeant, Tony Messina and his wife Rosetta, send their regards from Cape Coral, Florida. Sergeant Tony explains that he enjoys receiving his "RMP" Newsletter, keeping him updated on what's going on regarding his old buddies and retiree issues. By the way.....nice shirt, Sarge!

# April 22, 2004 Meeting



Sgt. At Arms Joe Masella, (l.) discusses some VZ 10-13 business with President, Harry Morse, Jr.



V.P. Rich Comnesso, Golf Outing Chairman, gives membership details of the upcoming *FUN*draiser, which will take place on Monday, June 14th, at Bunker Hill Golf Course, New Jersey. "...still time to sign up!" {See Flyer}



H&W Trustee, Tony DeNatale, (l.) and Pres. Morse, prepare for their time at the podium.



Al Russo, unveiling his works of art. "Come and get it!"



Trustees Gary Glessing, (l.) and Frank Rapacciuolo, are always on hand to help out.



Trustee Ralph Caldarola always does a fine job helping out. Here, he shows some of the fruit of his 50/50 labor.



Charter President, President Emeritus Ed Keshecki, handed over the proceeds raised from the Super Bowl Pool which Eddie ran for the association. Treasurer Anthony Franzese gladly accepted the booty on behalf of the club. Thanks Ed !



A streak of luck has befallen VZ 10-13 Trustee, "Capt." Ed Reuss. Capt. Ed picked up the second prize for the 50/50, and made it a duplicate 50/50; by generously gifting back the organization one-half of his winnings.



VZ 10-13 member, Ralph Aiello, informs the membership of an unfortunate episode relating to NYPD retirees. V.P. Rich Commesso is following up on the matter.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 22, 2004

The meeting was brought to order by President Harry Morse. The members were requested to sign up for the upcoming trip to Albany on 5/12. He stressed the importance of a large turnout to show the legislatures we have unity among the ranks.

This writer then informed the members of the upcoming golf outing. Again I requested a good showing and informed the members of the importance of the charity we were sponsoring.

The meeting broke for dinner once again prepared by Al Russo. When all had their fill, the meeting resumed.

President Morse informed the membership of a brother active Police Officer who was involved in a major accident while in Florida with his family. Police Office Carlos Lajora was severely injured and his family had to relocate to Melbourne Florida while he recuperates.

The family has incurred extensive medical bills along with the costs of moving the family to Florida. A 10-13 benefit is being held in New York City. The officer is a member of the Manhattan Traffic Task Force.

Our members donated \$205.00, which was matched by the organization.

President Morse introduced Ed Keshecki who ran a Super Bowl pool this year. Eddie presented the organization with a check for \$100.00, plus a donation for \$20.00.

The 50/50 was held and a ticket was purchased for injured Officer Lajora. Maybe the officer's luck is about to change, as his number was called and he will receive an additional \$115.00. In all, a check in the amount of \$525.00 will be sent to his family.

Ed Reuss won the consolation prize and donated \$25.00 back to the organization.