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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Comnesso



A National 10-13 meeting was held at the Marine Corp. League and I was able to speak with Anthony Perone. Mr. Perone is the President of the National Alliance and our representative in Albany. I cannot begin to tell you of the tireless effort Tony puts in for all retirees of the NYPD. I learned that Assemblywoman Ann Carrozza, sponsor of A7060-A informed him that the Bill passed out of Assemblyman Peter Abate's Committee on Government Employee's. State Senator Diane Savino, in response to an Alliance letter and phone calls, assured Tony that she would expedite the Senate Bill S5543-A out of committee. Although this scenario occurred in the past, Tony feels that the situation may be most favorable this time. We are all waiting with fingers crossed.

Just a reminder. Your Medicare reimbursement checks will be mailed sometime in the middle of August. This means that a couple on Medicare will receive \$2,313.00. A single member will receive \$1,156.80. If you became eligible in 2010, you will not be reimbursed until 2011.

We are fast approaching summer and that means that our 8th. Annual Golf outing will be held on August 31, 2010 at the Silver Lake Golf Course. This is our largest charity event and we hope that it is well attended. Please see the flyer in this publication. Even if you do not golf, please come to the luncheon at the Marine Corp League. The cost for golf and the luncheon is \$125. The cost for the luncheon alone is \$35. Just ask anyone who attended last year's festivities and they will tell you of the great time had by all. Dr. Manuel Lagmay was the first to sign up for the outing and also donated \$100 for a Tee sponsorship. Please attempt to get sponsors for the outing in Tee sponsorship's, gifts for the raffle, or a cafe you frequent.

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The success of this outing is up to the members of the Verrazano 10-13. We are hoping to award 5 scholarship's to the children and grandchildren of our members.

The National 10-13 will be holding their annual convention at the Old Granite this year. The dates are August 6th, 7th and 8th. There is a flyer in this publication with all the details. The winner of the Mega Raffle will be chosen at the convention. If you have not purchased a raffle ticket, please do so and send it in to our PO Box. If you need a ticket, please call the Verrazano 10-13 office at 718 987-6354. You have to be in it to win it.

It is time for new blood to step up and run for office. I have been President since Harry Morse moved to Florida 7 years ago. Although it has been

extremely rewarding, I feel that new ideas are essential. The organization is as strong as its members.

If you have not attended any meetings lately, you have missed many excellent speakers. We have had money consultants, candidates for public office and such. The food is always excellent (Just ask table 9, the boy's from the mall). Many ideas have been exchanged and useful information passed on. June 16, 2010 is the last meeting for summer. The next meeting will not be held until September 15, 2010. Please try to attend and bring a friend. Here is wishing you all a healthy and safe summer.

Richard Commesso

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Notify the office ASAP so that there is no interruption of either the newsletter or notifications.



Rich Commesso & Mike Allegretti



Rich Commesso & Michael Grimm



Rich Commesso & with LaPiedra and partner

Vice President's Message

by Anthony Franzese

Summertime is drawing near and it finds us preparing for our largest fund raiser - our annual golf outing. The event will take place Monday, Aug. 30, at Silver Lake Golf Course. A bar-b-que lunch will follow at the U.S. Marine Corp League. Dana Ford Lincoln Mercury will be donating a 2010 Mustang GT Convertible to anyone who shoots a hole-in-one. A special thanks to Jim Cogna, owner, Doug Hansen, general manager, David Diorio, sales manager, and Juan Estrella, finance manager. The board would appreciate any help members can offer - donations of raffle table gift certificates, sponsors, and your time serving on a committee. Proceeds from green and tee sponsors go directly to the NYPD Relief Fund and the High School/College Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year one high school level and four college scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each. All donations toward this cause are tax deductible. The National NYCPD 10-13 is having their annual convention at the Hudson Valley Resort from August 6th-8th. Join us for an enjoyable weekend. Invite family and friends! The drawing for the Mega Raffle will also take place that weekend. This November is an election year for all board positions. "New people with new ideas" keeps an organization going forward. Please contact any current board member if you have an interest in joining our executive board.

One trustee position is also available to be filled. In closing I would like to wish all of our members and their families a safe and healthy summer. Lets not forget our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces in and out of Our Great Country who put their lives on the line for Our Freedom, and our active brothers and sisters of New York's Finest!!!

Anthony Franzese



Joe Sammartano addresses members



Capt. Ed Reuss making point

Recording Secretary's Report

by Marie Zolfo

Several topics of interest were discussed at the May meeting, which included the planning of the 8th Annual Golf Outing which has been booked at Silver Lake Golf Course for August 30, 2010, with lunch afterwards at the Marine Corp. League. Once again the membership is being asked to help us with the fundraising for this event. If you have a contact with a local business or corporation, please send me the contact person's name and address, and I will send them a letter asking for their help in donating a prize to be raffled or to sponsor a hole. Of course, if a member is able to request this on his or her own, please do so. Especially if a member has a favorite restaurant, a gift certificate for the Dine-Around basket would also help. Don't forget to mention that we are now a 501 (c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible. Discussed at the meeting was the Mega Raffle and so far we sold about 35 raffle tickets and hope to sell more. For each ticket we sell, we get back money. The ticket costs \$100.00 and first prize is \$10,000. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so chances of winning are better than most. Get together with other members and buy a ticket. Maybe, you'll split the \$10,000. This year the National will be holding their convention at the Hudson Valley Inn Resort which is supposed to be very nice, and if you're a golfer, the golf is \$25.00 a round. The convention is August 6th, 7th and 8th. Tony DeNatale gave a talk on Lobby Day which was May 11th. We had 14 members attend the event. The guest speakers for the May meeting

were potential GOP candidates for Congressman, Michael Allegretti and Michael Grimm. Both men gave talks and question and answer periods. This organization does not back any individual candidate. Listen and make up your own mind. Important changes were made regarding the Scholarship Fund. The Board voted and agreed that the Memorial Scholarship Fund will now include one High School Scholarship and the College Scholarships were changed to three, instead of four. A child can only win one scholarship, but the sponsor of that child can be eligible to sponsor a different child or grandchild three years after the win. Please fill out a new application that is included in this edition if you would like to sponsor your child or grandchild. Don't forget, you must be a member in good standing for the past three years before you are eligible to sponsor a child. The meeting was catered by Canlon, who will be catering the golf outing along with a BBQ to hold the golfers over until the main buffet is served. If you intend to join us at the golf outing, or perhaps sponsor a hole, please let us know as soon as possible. Last year we had over 90 golfers and it does get hectic at the end. We want this outing to run smoothly and be enjoyable for all. Don't forget, if you do not play golf, you can still join us for the BBQ afterwards at the Marine Corp League. The info is on the golf flyer. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to wear a hat and use sunblock.

Marie Zolfo

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Treasurer's Report

by Frank Martarella

As summer approaches and we complete our spring time chores; gardening, opening of the pools, etc., we are anticipating spending more time outdoors. Hopefully, Mother Nature blesses us with warm, sunny and not too many rainout weekends.

Our 8th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 30, 2010 at the Silver Lake golf course followed by our luncheon, which will again be catered by Canlon's Restaurant, at the Marine Corp. League Hall located just down the block off Victory Boulevard. Our Golf Outing is our largest fundraiser event of the year. Please make this outing a success by getting us sponsors and recruiting golfers for the event. We hope our unions, line organizations and previous sponsors will support us this year as they have in the past. Last year was our largest and most profitable golf outing we have had. Hopefully this year will be bigger and better than ever. I hope to see you at the Golf Outing. If you are not a golfer, like me, join us anyway for the barbeque, (\$35.00) great food, great raffle prizes and get together with old friends.

By now all of our members have received our mailing regarding the National 10-13 Convention which is scheduled for Friday, August 6th thru Sunday, August 8th, at Hudson Valley Resort. I recently spent a relaxing weekend with my wife at a nearby resort, and decided to take a ride to the Hudson Valley Resort and check it out. I must tell you that we were impressed with the resort. I wish we would have stayed at the Hudson Valley for the weekend. Tony Perrone, the Chairperson of the National 10-13, outdid himself negotiating the rate for us. I would recommend that if you are able to attend, do so. Even more so if you are a golfer, walk out the back door of the resort and your golf cart awaits you.

The National 10-13 is once again holding their Mega Raffle drawing at the convention. This year

there will be only 300 raffles sold with the first prize being \$10,000.00. In addition, there will be 15 other cash prizes for a total of \$18,000.00 in prizes. We receive a \$10.00 rebate per ticket sold. Please help us and the National make this a great success. You should mail back your ticket with your remittance of \$100.00 ASAP. Don't miss out!

On a financial note, the Verrazano 10-13 Board members and I would like to thank all of the members who have paid their 2010 dues and who continue to support our organization. Please take a moment to look at your mailing label on this journal. If it does not have the year 2010 next to your name, then your dues for this year are due. We recently sent a mailing to all of our members who are not current on their dues. If you are delinquent in your dues, please forward your check as soon possible so that we may continue to provide support to our members and their families. We are striving to achieve greater goals this year and hope to lift the bar each and every year. If you received our mailing in error, please contact us immediately so that we can correct our records.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and try to join us for our June meeting. Just a reminder, there are no meetings scheduled for July and August. Don't forget to support our organization by participating in our upcoming summer events.

Have a Good One.

Frank Martarella

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your dues are up top date.**

**If not, your dues are in arrears.
Please pay your dues!**

Corresponding Secretary's Notes

by Joe Cammarata

Being the representative for the Verrazano 10-13 at the Brooklyn- Staten Island 10-13's Award Meeting was a pleasure long in coming. We finally seemed to bridge the gap and it was heartwarming to see and hear the response yours truly received as they announced my presence. We now can say we, in Brooklyn and Staten Island have overcome the problems and look forward to working with each other for the mutual benefit of all our members. I'll have the photos and other information in the next edition of the RMP. History was truly made.

One thing about the lousy winter, I did get to catch up on my reading. One article I briefed through and have since researched was one on a Blue Alert. It's a bill that if passed will have the same effect as the Amber Alert has with missing children. If a Police Officer, or Law Enforcement Officer, is seriously injured or killed a Blue Alert will go out with as much information as possible to the public over radio and TV, in an attempt to apprehend the perp. We know it's worked for the children I think it would be a great tool for the guys in blue.

After making a few telephone calls from the local FOP office, to the New York State Headquarters, to the National Headquarters and finally to the original sponsors, the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police. I spoke with a young Georgia state representative that not only gave me the information but faxed me an actual copy of the bill which is before the Georgia State Legislature, SB 397.

In effect the bill calls for a "Blue Alert System to speed the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure law enforcement officers". I have contacted a few of our State Representatives, and a few hopefuls for November, in regards to this law being introduced in New York. So far the reaction has been positive but with the current situation of the New York State budget any sit down has been postponed to a later date. I also have copies of the bill ready to go to other local 10-13's, the NY State 10-13 Association, Tony Perrone of the NYS Public Employees and other law enforcement agencies. Maybe we should wait until after November!

I'll keep you posted on how this proposal develops. Until then, have a great summer and don't forget to support our golf outing. I know we'll pick up at least one foursome...Thanks, Brooklyn-Staten Island 10-13 Association.

Joe Cammarata



Tony DeNatale reports on Albany, Marie Zolfo records finer points

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2010 MEETINGS

*All meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at 1930 hrs.*

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Wed., September 15, 2010

Wed., October 20, 2010

Wed., November 17, 2010

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Dr. Lagmay & friends enjoying meeting



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Chest Discomfort - Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body - Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath - This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur with or without chest discomfort. Other signs - These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.

If you or someone you're with has one or more of these signs, call 9-1-1...Get to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, and you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS

Stroke is a medical emergency. Every second counts, because time lost is brain lost! Know these stroke warning signs and teach them to others.

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one eye or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don't delay! Immediately call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number so an ambulance - ideally with advanced life support - can be sent to you. Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long term disability for the most common type of stroke.

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Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years.

ELIGIBILITY:

Son, daughter or a grandchild of a member is eligible for a scholarship and must be attending or enrolled in a College or University on a full-time basis (At least 12 credits) for the 2010-2011 school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting three years. High school students must be attending a tuition paying school.

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Only one application per applicant is permitted. If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all applications for that applicant may be discarded.

VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE:

Winners will be required to verify school enrollment.

NUMBER OF SCBOLARSIDPS:

For the 2010-2011 school year, three (3) College and one (1) High School scholarship, will be awarded each in the amount of \$500.00.

SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS:

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance of selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn at the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association General Meeting on October 20, 2010 by the Scholarship Committee and viewed by the membership in attendance. All applications must be received prior to the drawing date. NO APPLICATIONS will be accepted at the meeting.

Best of luck to all!

Marie Zolfo, Chairperson