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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be having our elections during the month of November for the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for any of the executive slots should make their intentions known. All of the positions are open and anyone who believes that they can bring success to our organization is welcome to run. I would love to see some new young blood getting involved as trustees, event chairman and such. We can not rely on the same people over and



over again. New ideas are the key to a successful organization.

Our 6th Annual Golf Outing is well on its way to being another great success. The Board of Directors held a meeting on March 12, 2008 and plans have begun to purchase prizes and have signs made up. Once again Dana Lincoln Mercury will be supplying a brand new Lincoln for anyone scoring a hole in one at the 6th hole at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Please contact me and let me know if you plan on attending this year's event. If we can promise the Golf Course a certain amount of golfers, they will close the course to us and have a full shotgun start. This means that all golfers will finish at approximately the same time and will be able to eat together. I have 7 foursomes already signed up.

The Directors are now deciding if the event should be catered or to have Jack "Emeril" Hellmann and his crew prepare the day's menu. We have been leaning on Jack for the past events and he has come through each and every time. We will be speaking with Jack and I will get back to you with our plans. Either way, the food will be plentiful and tasty!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, I will have "pulled the pin" for the second time. I will be fully retiring on March 28, 2008 from my present job as Fraud Investigator. Hopefully this will give me more time to spend on the golf links. I also hope to be able to devote more time to our organization.

On Tuesday March 18, 2008, Vice President Tony DeNatale along with this writer attended the National Alliance meeting in Albany. Vice President DeNatale will enhance the readers with the bills currently submitted to Legislature.

At our April 16, 2008 meeting, Councilman James Oddo is scheduled to speak. Councilman Oddo was instrumental in getting wood bats back in High School baseball and is a staunch supporter of the 10-13. Mark this date on your calendar to attend this meeting. In future meetings we plan on having District Attorney Dan Donavan and Assemblywoman Janelle Spencer Hyer.

Your 10-13 is attempting to be of more assistance to the members. If you have a home for sale or rent, let us know about it. We will place an add in our newsletter which is circulated to other 10-13's across the country. We are also attempting to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries. Let us know of any special events.

IF YOU MOVE

Notify the office ASAP so that there is no interruption of either the newsletter or notifications This writer had the privilege and honor of attending a promotion ceremony at Police Headquarters. It was a double treat as my son-in law and Verrazano 10-13 member Kevin Stumpf was promoted to Detective 2nd Grade. Kevin hangs his hat in the 70 Pct.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marie Zolfo for stepping up to the plate and taking on the responsibility as Recording Secretary. I have already seen a portion of Marie's work which was extremely professional. Thanks again Marie!

Just another quick reminder for those who haven't sent in your dues, please do so as your dues are what keeps this organization afloat!

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President

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

If your mailing label shows 2008, your dues are up to date. If not, your dues are in arrears. Please pay your dues!

Elections for all Board Officers will be held at our November 19th meeting. If you are interested in running for any position on our Executibe Board, mail your name and postion you wish to run for to our office: P.O. Box 061725 Staten Island, New York 10306

Vice President's Message

by Anthony G. DeNatale

FIRST RESPONDERS AND CI-VILIAN SAVE LIFE OF VER-RAZANO MEMBER

On March 8, 2008, Verrazano 10-13 member Joseph Romagnolo and his wife Julia started their day as usual, by going to a local gym for their daily workout, located near their Highland Beach, Florida residence. What transpired next, set off a chain of events, that produced eleven (11) heroes; to whom the Romagnolo's will always be grateful.

Joe had just finished working out on a treadmill, and proceeded to a weight machine for his next workout. Almost immediately, Joe went into cardiac arrest, and started to turn blue. Julia, who was at the other side of the gym, saw a crowd of people around someone on the floor. She soon would realize that it was her husband, who was unconscious and not breathing. If not for the quick thinking, and actions of Walter Stansell of Maryland (who was also training at the gym), it is quite possible, that Joe would not have recovered. Mr. Stansell, an Army veteran, quickly started CPR on Joe and continued until the arrival of emergency personnel, Police Officers Yvette Ortiz, Laura Beck and Matthew McGarry of the Boca Raton Police Department soon arrived and continued giving CPR. Joe responded to the initial defibrillator shock the officers administered. Shortly afterward, his heart beat again stopped. A few moments later, members of Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services responded. They took charge of the situation, and continued to administer CPR.

The following members of the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Squad were present at the scene Captain Michelle Murphy, Lieutenant Pat Bayne, Firefighters/Paramedics Pat Lao. Eric Alexander, Sean Moss, Bill Swoope and Kenny Clark, FF Eric Alexander, under the supervision of Lt. Pat Bayne, manned the defibrillator and paddled Joe in an attempt to restart his heart. His initial attempt vielded no response, with Joe still showing no heart beat. FF Alexander did not give up and after his third attempt, the shock sent to Joe's heart successfully restarted it; and he began to breathe. Still unconscious, Joe was removed to Boca Raton Community Hospital. Julia, still not sure if Joe would survive, was taken to the hospital by another team of Boca Raton Officers; P.O.s Snifflet and Williams. They remained with Julia until the hospital's Patient Advocate arrived.

It was a short time after Joe arrived at the hospital, that he regained consciousness with no signs of any brain or heart damage. The physical damage he sustained was much soreness to his ribs from the CPR machine's chest compressions, a laceration to the side of his face, and a split tongue. Joe made a full recovery and was fitted with a defibrillator/ pacemaker implant. I'm happy to report that upon his return to New York, Joe was given a clean bill of health by his doctors.

For Walter Stansells part, he modestly said, "while in Viet Nam I administered CPR on a number of occasions, but not always with this kind of result". It was made clear by the emergency personnel who responded, that Mr. Stansells' efforts were instrumental in bringing Joe back from the dead.

The Executive Board and the members of the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association owe each and every one of these responders a debt of gratitude for saving the life, of one of our own. They each proved that they are truly worthy of the title "HERO".

<u>Note</u>: Several days later, Firefighter Erik Alexander stopped by the hospital to thank Joe for not dying.



Left to right: PO Laura Beck, Joe Romagnolo, PO Yvette Ortiz, and PO Matthew McGarry



Left to right: FF Erik Alexander, FF Scan Moss



The Heroes



Left to right: FF Sean Moss, Lt. Pat Bayne, Julia, Joe, FF Kenny Clark, FF Bill Swoope, DC Glenn Joseph, AC Daryl Scott



Left to right: Sean Moss, Lt. Pat Bayne, Joe, FF Kenny Clark, FF Bill Swoope

Corresponding Secretary's Corner

by Joe Cammarata

Trying to keep this short column short and sweet. Short because we haven't the time or the room to do much more. As you may know we're trying to institute a new format for the RMP. Also you can see I got the job to get it going! Once again I don't know how they did it but, here I am and we'll give it our best shot!

The Official Roster is really going great. I have to hand it to the membership they have been doing exactly as requested and entering all the requested pertinent information. With this information we have placed most of our NYC members in their proper Election and Assembly Districts. Doesn't sound important now but in November we should be able to make an impact on someone's political life. More good news. At least one of our members came forward to consider running for an office. He's still in the planning stage but it's great to see that we have a member interested.

As you can see by the President's message we have been trying to contact as many guest speakers as we can, especially politicians. The more members and registered voters we get on our member rolls, the louder we speak and the more they listen. Trust me on that one. If you have any ideas for speakers, political, professional or otherwise, please let us know and we'll do the leg work.

I hope by the next issue of the RMP, I'll be deluged by information from all you guys and gals out there. If you have anything you think we should know please contact me at my office 718-815-2014, or e-mail; <u>ltccam@aol.com</u>. Don't be shy, births, anniversaries, weddings etc. We also can assist in research to locate other members, lost partners or academy mates since we do maintain a list of Tax Registry Numbers and dates of assignment. Keep those cards and letters coming!

Congratulations' to three new Members; Rudolph Landin, Deputy Chief and Detective Thomas Lavin and his brother Pat Lavin also a Detective.

Recording Secretary's Notes

by Marie Zolfo

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. Special mention for the past president of the National 10-13, Tony Perrone, who underwent an operation. Board of Directors present were Rich Commesso, President; Tony DeNatale, Vice President; Tony Franzese, Treasurer; Marie Zolfo, Secretary; and Joe Cammarata, Corresponding Secretary.

President Commesso went over the minutes of the Board Meeting that was held on March 11th, Issues addressed at that meeting were:

<u>Newsletter</u> - The members were informed that the newsletter would go back to being a quarterly newsletter for the calendar year. The next newsletter will be published in April. Sponsors that are remiss on paying their dues were removed from the sponsor list. The Board is also looking at a new publishing and a more professional looking program for the newsletter.

<u>National Raffle</u> - Vice President DeNatale will be sending out the raffles for the National Raffle. There will be 400 raffles sold with the first prize being \$10,000.

<u>Election Year</u> - The members were informed that all of the Board positions will be open for election. Members who are interested should send a letter to Vice President DeNatale.

<u>Golf Outing</u> - Members were informed that this year's golf outing is to be held at Bunker Hill on June 9, 2008 and it might be catered. Members were asked to get their foursomes in and sponsorship of holes.

<u>Trustees</u> - Members were informed that Trustees need to get more involved and that they will be assigned certain tasks.

<u>Web page</u> - Members were informed that Verrazano 10-13 items on the internet go through Eddic Reuss. Sgt. at Arms, Joe Masella, will be getting information regarding the start up of our own web page. This web page will be just for the Verrazano 10-13 Association and will announce fundraisers, outings, etc.

President Commesso reiterated that if members are interested in attending the golf outing, they should get their foursomes in. If we have enough foursomes, Bunker Hill will close down the golf course and we can have a full shotgun start.

President Commesso also spoke about the Atlantic City trip and that the connection we had at Harrah's has left. Bally's may not be offering us the buffet and if that's the case, we won't be going there. We should have an answer by Friday. The date for AC is tentatively for Friday May 9th, or the following Friday.

President Commesso and Vice President DeNatale attended the Alliance meeting in Albany on March 18, 2008. Tony DeNatale reported to the members that the Alliance is a group of over 40 organizations throughout New York State and is comprised of over 500,000 members. The Alliance has, over the years, lobbied for such bills as the Health Protection Bill, COLA increases and various Veteran's bills.

Tony DeNatale reported to the members that Spitzer had vetoed the Health Protection Bill, but had suggested a Task Force be formed to look into the necessity for such legislation. This is a one year bill that the teachers get signed every year. Last year's Bill did not include police officers and firefighters, but did include fire officers. We were not included because our benefits are covered by the Adminstrative Code, so it is thought that we do not need this Bill, but that can be changed by the City Council, Assemblyman Joe Lento, Brooklyn, wants to include police officers and firefighters. Patterson voted every time in favor of our Bill. Lobby Day is June 11th, and the membership was asked to go to Albany for this matter. Tony DeNatale also spoke about there not being a ruling on three quarter disability pensions being taxed. He also emphasized that the write off for up to \$3,000 for health coverage is only for optional benefits.

Tony DeNatale mentioned to the membership that the National Convention will be held at the Friar Tuck Inn in July and that we get back a portion of the National Raffle money. Tony DeNatale said that if you do not want your super raffle ticket, bring it in and that it will be reissued. Also, this is the year for retirees to make changes in their health benefits.

Treasurer Tony Franzese reported to the membership that there is \$7700 in the General Checking Account that does not include the cost of this meeting. There is \$3,200 in the Savings Account and \$820 in the Special Checking account. Franzese said that we had \$881 in donations last year.

Franzese told the membership that there are color brochures for sponsors to our golf outing. Franzese reminded the membership that the golf outing is our biggest fundraiser.

The college scholarship will be coming out in the next newsletter and that this year we will try to have three \$500 scholarships. The drawing will be at the September meeting.

The \$100 50/50 was won by Ralph Caldarola, and the \$20 50/50 was won by Ed Parsons. Both contributed half back.

Members enjoyed a combination St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day meal. Pizza was also ordered.

New York City Police Department Verrazano 10-13 Association's 6TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING BUNKER HILL GOLF COURSE MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

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JULY 25 - 27, 2008

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Keep Informed

2008 MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7:30 PM on the third Wednesday of the month. There are <u>NO</u> meetings in <u>July, August</u> and <u>December</u>.

> Wednesday, May 21 Wednesday, June 18 Wednesday, September 17 Wednesday, October 15 Wednesday, November 19

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Bunker Hill Golf Course Princeton, New Jersey Monday, June 9

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Congratulations!



Newly-promoted Detective Kevin Stumpf with his two sons at Promotion Ceremony 02-29-08. Kevin is President Rich Commesso's son in law and those two good looking young men are his grandsons.



Detective Kevin Stumpf with his proud father-in-law, Rich Commesso



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