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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Comnesso

Our 8th Annual Golf Outing was held at the Silver Lake Golf Course. It seems redundant every year when I say "It was the biggest and best one yet". We had 107 golfers and approximately 150 people at the luncheon. Our Treasurer Frank Martarella will be adding up the costs and profits. I am sure that this year will surpass every other year. We had guests from all the line organizations. I had the pleasure of golfing with Chief Ray Ferrari, George Duke and Vin Fitzpatrick. The food was once again prepared by Ed Canlon of Canlon's restaurant. Frank Pollizi, Ed Jordan and Joe Bonamo cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers. My two grandson's Michael and Christopher Stumpf were a great help. Once again Margaret Falcone and Vivian Martarella were instrumental in making this year's outing a success. My daughter Susan Stumpf took time out from her busy schedule and was running around collecting money for the 50-50's, prize table and dine around. Taking on an outing like this and it being a success depends on the help that is received from its members and Board members. Without Marie Zolfo, Tony Franzese, Joe Cammarata, Frank Martarella, Joe Masella, I would have been lost. A special thank you to all.



This will be my last column in President's Lines. As you know, this is an election year and I have decided not to run for President. Since I have been on the Board, I have enjoyed many gratifying events. Just to name a couple, the golf outing which helps us throughout the year, bringing together other 10-13 organizations even though they belong to a different National and most important successfully being granted 501c3 status. Many hours were put into this endeavour. John Donohue was the rock that led us in the right direction. John Friscia Esq., our attorney guided us through the

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paperwork. I hope that the new administration will continue to fight for all NYPD retiree's. I hope that members will stand up and run for office so that this organization can remain on top of all the other 10-13's around the country. My wish is that one day there will only be one organization representing all the 10-13's. It is sad that as long as you have power hungry individuals, this will be a tough task. A very special thanks for all the patience and help I received from my wife Irene during the past 8 years.

Tony Franzese and Margret Falcone, Joe and Linda Cammarata, Joe and Joyce Masella, my wife Irene and I attended the National Convention which was held at the Hudson Valley Resort. The Verrazano 10-13 once again had a large contingent of members and family's. It was great to see the Gonzalez family. A good time was had by all. Tony Perrone was elected the new president of the National 10-13 Association. Tony also serves as President of the National Alliance of Public

Employee's. The time and effort Tony puts into these tasks are mind blowing.

During the next 2 months, we will have guest speakers at our meetings from both the Republican and Democratic parties. An effort should be made to attend our meetings to hear what these politicians have to say, before we make our minds up on who to vote for. We will also have the Director of the Police Relief Fund so that we can present a check to his wonderful organization. I have been a recipient of their service and cannot begin to tell you of the work they do.

Hoping to see as many members at our meetings as possible. Even though I will be stepping down as President, I will continue to attend as many meetings as possible. I would be remiss if I did not thank the membership for their support through the years.

Richard Commesso

IF YOU MOVE

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

10-13 DET. DENNIS CANALE FAMILY

Detective Dennis Canale's (NYPD ESU Truck #5) 3 year old son Christopher was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer April 8, 2010. Christopher had surgery and the tumor was removed successfully but unfortunately, he still required months of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Due to the fact that Christopher is so young, he is going to need Proton radiation therapy which can only be given in 6 places throughout the U.S. This treatment is extremely expensive and only 25% is covered by insurance. We are asking you to make a donation to Dennis and his family, so that they will have the adequate funds to continue to treat Christopher's cancer and hopefully put it in remission. Donations can be sent to the Verrazano 10-13, P.O. Box 061725, SI, NY 10306 and we will send a check from our organization to the family.

Vice President's Lines

by Anthony Franzese

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. Our golf outing was a great success. I would like to personally thank everyone who attended, as well as their guests. I look forward to seeing all of you next year. If anyone has any complaints or suggestions, see myself or another board member so that we can improve future events. I am proud to say this was our largest turnout to date. Special thanks to all our volunteers, board members, and raffle committee ladies who made this event such a tremendous.

It's hard to believe that Fall is upon us. The leaves are changing color and the holidays are just around the corner. Elections for all board positions and one trustee position will be held at our November 17th meeting. Anyone with interest can contact a board member or call our office. All board positions are two-year terms.

A successful team needs all its players. Please consider becoming more involved. Members are always encouraged to bring new ideas to the table and help our organization grow.

Anthony Franzese

OUR SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

RONALD "BUZZ" BJORKSTROM

Buzz, 67 years old, started his tour with the NYPD in 1968 and he was first assigned to TPF. Buzz retired from the 71 Pct in 1986 where he was promoted to Detective Field Training Officer. In the end, Buzz gave his most precious gift by donating his body to the University of Syracuse for Cancer Research. He is survived by his wife Ellen, who is also an active member of this organization.

THOMAS KNOBEL

Thomas, 59 years old, was appointed to the NYPD in 1966 and was assigned to patrol in the 6th Pct. Tom did a stint in OCCB/Staten Island Auto Crime. Tom was promoted to Detective and retired from the 68 Pct. Tom was married 39 years to his wife Nancy and leaves behind four children and nine grandchildren.

ALFRED GOFFIN

Alfred, 67 years old, retired from the 120 Precinct in 1985 after serving the NYPD for twenty years. Alfred, a long time member of this organization, was an avid Mets and Ranger's fan. He is survived by his long time companion Adele McMahon, three children and seven grandchildren.

ROCCO VALINOTI

Rocco, 72 years old, was appointed to the NYPD in 1966. After serving for 23 years, Rocco retired as Detective from the Chief of Operations Personal Orders Section. Rocco was a Mets and Giant fan and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City. He is survived by his wife Mae, three sons and five grandchildren.

COL. DAVID KELLY

Col. David B. Kelly was the head of the New Jersey State Police. Prior to that, he served in the United States Army attaining the Rank of General. He fought with Gen Patton and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. Rather than being called General, he preferred to be called by his Police rank of Colonel. Upon retirement, he owned Sterling Investigative Services and A.P.G. Security.

Recording Secretary's Report

The last meeting before the summer break covered many topics of upcoming events for the next several months, but before touching on those topics, President Commesso introduced Loretta Gamboi, Staten Island Project Home Front. Loretta gave a talk about this non for profit organization and how they provide for our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Members donated to this great cause and voted and agreed that our organization would match the donation. A total of \$800.00 was presented to Loretta.

The main topic of interest before the summer break was the planning of the 8th Annual Golf Outing which took place at Silver Lake Golf Course on August 30, 2010, with lunch afterwards at the Marine Corp. League. Once again this event was successful and a great time had by all. The Board and the Golf Committee were assisted by members in the planning of the event and with helping the day of the outing. I want to personally thank the non-member volunteers, Vivian Martarella and Margaret Falcone for their help with soliciting and selling the raffles, and Susan Stumpf for selling raffles the day of the event. Let me not forget my assistants Michael and Christopher Stumpf for calling and picking the winning raffles. Also, thanks to Frank Polizzi, Eddie Jordan and Joe Bonamo for helping at the outing and then cooking at the Marine Corp League; and to Eddie Reuss for advertising on the NY Cop website and helping during the day. Although he could not attend, thanks to John Donohue who did a great job with the hats and golf tools that were given to the golfers. Also thanks to Cathy Codd and Jack Hellman for helping out and getting us good deals on golf balls.

The Golf Outing was financially very successful and thanks to our many sponsors. Again,

Brian Kelly donated \$500.00 for a fifth scholarship in memory of his father Col. David Kelly.

The National 10-13 Convention was held at the Hudson Valley Resort and Villa on August 6th, 7th and 8th and attended by some of our Board members. 57 Mega raffles were sold, but unfortunately, none of our members won. It wasn't a total loss because we did get \$10.00 back for every raffle we sold.

I'd like to reiterate that 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. The member must be in good standing for the past three years to sponsor a child. With the donation from Brian Kelly, five winners were chosen at the October meeting.

This year the four high school scholarships will be in memory of Ronald "Buzz" Bjorkstrom; Alfred T. Goffin; Rocco Valinoti; and Thomas Knobel. The High School scholarship will be in memory of Col. David Kelly.

Lastly, get your hats ready to throw into the ring – elections are coming up and we will need a few good people to carry on the important work of this organization. My position of Recording Secretary will be one of the vacancies, so please give some thought to running for this or other positions that become vacant on the Board.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer – their hot, dry, dead lawn summer –and are now looking forward to a cool autumn. Stay safe.

Marie Zolfo

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Treasurer's Report

by Frank Martarella

WOW! Since our last newsletter the summer has come and gone. Hopefully, the memories of time spent with our family and friends will remain with us the rest of our days.

Our 8th Annual Golf Outing was held on August 30th at Silver Lake Golf course and concluded at the Marine Corp. League. It was good to see all of you who participated. Our golf outing this year was our biggest and most profitable golf outing ever. We had 106 golfers and 11 members and friends joined us for the luncheon. As you know, it is not easy planning an event such as this and I want to give special thanks to all of our volunteers who made the day a huge success. John Donohue did a great job in obtaining Verrazano 10-13 hats and golf repair kits at a great price for the golfer's gift bags. His efforts also helped us obtain the use of the Zimmer Club for our golf planning meetings. He was scheduled to work the BBQ grill with Frank Polizzi and Eddie Jordan, however, due to recent heart-by-pass surgery John could not work the golf outing nor cook his great onions for the hot dogs. The Board thanks John and we wish him a speedy recovery. I want to conclude by thanking my wife, Vivian, for all of her help with the golf outing. After 41 years of marriage I think its best that I not forget to mention her in my newsletter.

In May we mailed letters to our members who failed to pay their 2010 dues. On a brighter note, 47 members sent in their 2010 dues. I would like to personally thank them and hope that all of our members will continue to support us and hopefully attend and enjoy our monthly General Meeting. Once again, I would like to remind you that one of our goals is to increase membership. We need you, the members to help us grow. So, PLEASE, if you know someone who is active, or retired and is not a member, encourage them to join our organization and attend our monthly meetings, to meet

old friends, make new ones and have a good inexpensive night.

I am happy to announce that as a 501c3 organization we were able to secure free membership for all of our members to Plum Benefits. They will provide us with access to time and money saving offers to all types of live entertainment in the New York, Las Vegas and Orlando areas. I recently utilized Plum Benefits for Broadway tickets and after shopping around online, I saved about \$50.00 per ticket with Plum Benefits. (See the Plum Benefits advertisement in this Journal for your benefit) Signing up is simple and will take just a few moments.

Board elections will be held in November. The Verrazano 10-13 Organization is only as strong as its board members, committee members and all the members who help to support and carry on the goals of our organization. As I will always say to you, it is an honor and privilege to serve the members of this great organization. I will not be a candidate for my position as Treasurer, so please give some thought to running for this or any other positions that become vacant on the Board.

As we approach the winter months, hopefully we will have a mild one, and with the holidays around the corner, I would like to close this letter by wishing you and yours a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season.

Frank Martarella

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Corresponding Secretary's Remarks

by Joe Cammarata

My God where does the time go? I have to admit I'm not a golfer but I did enjoy the great day we had at Silver Lake Golf Course the weather was perfect and the turnout even better. I don't think you could have gotten a better day. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention all the help we got from our Executive Board, Committee people and members that pitched in. A job well done to all and thank you.

I guess by the time you receive this newsletter the national election will be over and we should have some new faces. At least for NY State Attorney General, Governor, Senators and a hand full of Assembly people. I sure hope we get it right this time. The more you hear we're getting out of a bad time the worse it seems. I know one thing that I could complain about now is that we're not receiving an increase in Social Security. As of October 15, 2010 I finally submitted my application for SS benefits. I think it's purely psychological but once you sign those papers you feel just a little bit older. I know most of you are saying "can't be Joe's too young for SS" but, yes it true.

Getting back to the election, I have to say the campaign advertisements and speeches were much better than normal. I think you could feel the desperation on the part of the incumbent's and the smell of blood in the water for the hopefuls. I just hope for our sake it all works out.

Speaking of elections, I hope you are all aware of the upcoming Verrazano 10-13 elections to be held during the November 17, 2010 meeting. All positions will be open and I urge every one of you to get involved. We have a great organization and a lot of people have put a lot of work into it. Please don't let it go down due to lack of interest. Believe me I know it's hard work but, at the same time rewarding.

I'm still trying to get information from the members about upcoming events and family happenings. If you have anything you'd like to share with the membership please contact me at home; 718-981-9237, and I'll see to it that gets in the next RMP.

Till the next time

Joe Cammarata

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Keep the prayers coming!

Joe Cammarata, the younger one from Texas, seems to be in good spirits albeit a little tired from chemotherapy. Joe was diagnosed with lung cancer in September and is doing pretty good. It doesn't hurt to hear from friends either. Drop a line or give a call, it shouldn't hurt! Call me, the real Joe Cammarata, and I'll give you his telephone number and address if you like.

Joe and I came on the job on the same day. One shield number apart, one tax registry number apart and you should have heard him scream when I got his checks and he got mine! He was married and so got less deductions, I always knew I was worth more! I also am labeled as THE BEST MAN when he married his beloved Donna. Below is Joe and Donna at a real Texan FOP dinner dance. He really thinks he's a cowboy! Yippee!



While speaking of Texas, Congratulations to Ron Torres who has achieved status as a master mason.



A big welcome back to John Donahue after undergoing a triple bypass in July.

It seems we hit the nail on the head when we warned about heart attacks. John was working for this gun club at a meeting when he just didn't feel right, but as usual he waited an extra day. Thank God it worked out fine. John came back in October to again assist the board at our regular meeting. You just can't keep a good man down!



President Rich Commesso hands over the 50/50 loot to Steve Isola. Now he can really retire!

New Member

The September meeting brought out a new member, Tom Tobin. Tom retired from the Staten Island Borough, Detective Ops. Tom had a great time, he enjoyed the food and drink and didn't realize how many members he really did know.

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Welcome aboard Tom !



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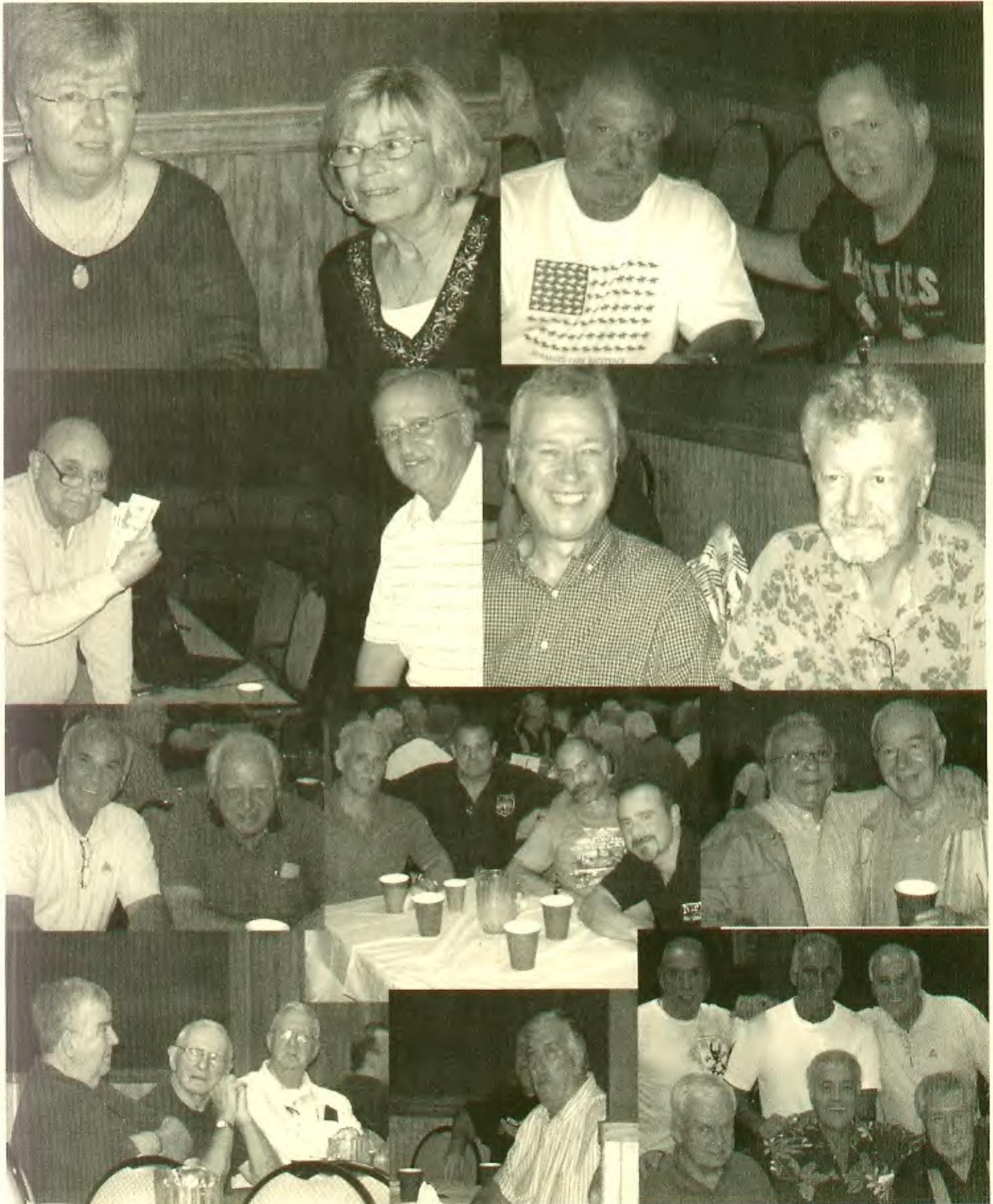
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