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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Richard Comnesso*

We came to an end of a bloody summer for our brothers in blue. A female Police Officer was afraid to use her weapon for fear of retaliation from superiors and the liberal news. This is what our country is becoming. Yet we are allowing more and more refugees from countries that hate us to cross our borders. We must remember this in November when we go to the polls and select our next President: Remember that replacement to the Supreme Court will be decided by our next President. It's time we take a stand and vote as a block.

Our 15th annual golf outing was held on August 26th at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. To say it was a success would be putting it mildly. We almost doubled the amount of golfers from last year, and our profits were one of the highest in the NYPD Verrazano 10-13 history! A special thanks to Bunker Hill and their staff for giving us the run of the golf course and catering to all our wishes. Once again Jack Hellman spearheaded the occasion and again lost many nights of sleep worrying about the event. Jack received lots of help from his merry crew of cooks. Ed Jordan, Frank Polizzi, Don Vinci, Carlo Imperator and Joe Manfra. A special thanks to Paul Ferrigno who helped with the cooking, obtaining prizes and his time. John Donahue once again stood guard and took pictures of all the foursomes at the 6th. Hole. No one went home with the Ford Explorer donated by Dana Lincoln for a hole in one. One of these outings we will have a winner. A special thanks to Jim Cognetta and Juan Estrella from Dana Motors. Charlie Manganato once again kept track of the collections and once again was up to the penny! Joe Molloy used his technical skills to print the sponsor signs and thank you certificates. There were more female golfers this year than in the past and everyone had a great time. Jack's nephew Evan of John's Pizza supplied most of the food which was delicious. Our winner of the 50/50 will go home with almost \$1,000! The prizes were plentiful and everyone went home happy. Another special thanks goes out to APG Security, Sterling Investigative Services for making an overly generous donation and also supplying us with hats and shirts. The Kelly family has always supported our causes. Sean Kelly was present and shared a couple of brews with the gang.

My term as President will end this year. Anyone who desires to run for office on the Board of Directors should come to me and let me know your intentions. Every position, with the exception of Trustee is open. John Donohue resigned as Trustee due to his decision to endorse a candidate in this year's election. This was done due to our 501c3 status. Larry Ernst has agreed to finish out his term. Any decision made by John is his alone and is not endorsed by the NYPD Verrazano 10-13 Association.

Our meetings have grown larger and larger by the month. This month's meeting saw Congressman Dan Donovan address the members. Congressman Dan Donovan has been an avid supporter of the Police all his political life. As District Attorney on Staten Island, everyone knew they stood a fair trial. As Congressman, his record speaks for itself. Congressman Donovan was well received by the membership and was presented with a Verrazano 10-13 baseball cap.

In this issue you will find many helpful articles, along sadly with a listing of members that we lost.

Our Christmas Luncheon will once again be held at Nucci's South. We look forward to a large turnout once again. Anyone who has attended knows what a great meal is provided by Paul and his staff.

Any member who has a son, daughter or grandchild in either high school, or college should prepare a scholarship entry. You need to be a paid member for the last three consecutive years to be eligible. If for some reason you missed a year, you can make it up by paying dues for the year you missed.

One by one our snowbirds are returning to their homes in the south. We wish them a happy and healthy winter season.

Remember our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come to a meeting and rehash old times with your brothers in blue!



## VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES

**Joseph Molloy**

Every day we hear of another Police Officer being shot or assaulted somewhere, yet there is no outcry by our "leaders" for justice. We must send a message to our "so called" leaders that we will not accept their indifference to this anarchy. I cannot tell you who you or your friends should vote for. If you cannot figure out who to vote for, all is lost. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!** It is enlightening to ride the streets of Staten Island and see so many blue ribbons displayed. I urge everyone to hang some blue ribbons on trees in your neighborhood. To all active Police Officers, **WE HAVE YOUR SIX!** To all of you retired Officers, come to our meetings!

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## TREASURERS LINES

**Charles Manganato**

I hope everyone's summer went well. First, I'd like to talk about our recent Golf Outing. The event was a resounding success. We had almost double the number of golfers (73) from the year before (39). The weather was extremely hot I mention that it was very hot. Everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. The raffles all went well, and I would like to congratulate fellow member Mike Errigo on winning the 50/50 which amounted to \$950.00. Finally, I would like to thank all of the members who pitched in and helped with the cooking and putting the event together.

Our September meeting was well attended and the Christmas Meeting was discussed. It will again be held at Nucci's South on Arthur Kill Road. A final price has not yet been determined. We also discussed the upcoming elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in running for these various positions, please contact Pres. Comnesso to discuss submitting information regarding background and ballots.

I would remind our members that the college and high school scholarship applications must be in before the end of the year. The winners will be picked at the Christmas Meeting. The requesting member must be in good standing with the club (paid up for the last three years). A side note to this is that we still have 50 members who failed to submit their dues for 2016. This will definitely impact requests for scholarships, Life memberships, door fees at our meetings and most definitely the entrance fee at our Christmas Party.

In conclusion, I hope to see all at the remaining meetings for the year and at our Christmas Luncheon Meeting in December.

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## RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES

**Paul Gallo**

I have written in the past about "Identity Theft" and about security freeze for the three financial reporting companies. The latest trend is to steal children's identity with Social Security numbers and illegal residents use this information to get jobs, credit and even pay taxes. What happens is when the children get old enough to get their own credit cards, jobs etc. they find out their credit is in bad shape and even bankrupt. This sometimes takes years to find out and by that time the people are often gone. The way to protect our children and grandchildren is to put a security freeze on their credit. Again it is an easy fix and requires only a letter to Transunion, Equifax and Experian. The cost is **nothing** to set up and only \$5.00 each time it is removed so a business can check your credit. Please see me at the meeting if you require additional information. Please pass this along to your children and grandchildren. I will go over the finer facts at next months meeting.







## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES**

### **Vincent Montagna**

Congressman Dan Donovan, SI Borough President James Oddo, Councilman Steven Matteo, Assemblyman Ron Castorina, Councilman Joseph Borelli, Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, Janella Guardelia 62 Assembly Dist., NYPD: DI Roy Richter, PBA, SBA, LBA, CEA, SOC, DEA

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write you on behalf of retired and future retirees of all ranks of the New York City Police Department. I understand we are in a different climate regarding firearms. Retirees of our Department have enjoyed the *right* to carry firearms both concealable side arms and long arms, I refer to rifles and shot guns.

As members of the greatest and most demanding Police Department in the world, we retirees enjoyed the benefit of registering our concealed side arms with the NYPD Pistol License Section City of New York *without* the demand of License fee payment.

Currently all NYC residents must register Rifles and Shot guns with the NYC Firearms Control Board. Residing outside NYC, does not require fee payment nor are required to register long arms. All NYC registrants must pay a fee of \$140.00. As a New York City Police Department retiree and on behalf of all New York City Police Department Retirees, present and future, I respectfully request you pursue the elimination of registration fees for retired "*members of the service*" who register rifles and shotguns with the NYC Firearms Control Board.

Thank you for taking interest in this matter. Should this come to fruition our retiree paychecks will look a little bit better as well. You may contact me at my home at 718-356-6954 or by mail at 175 Cleveland Avenue, SI, NY 10308. Let's "Give the cops something for a change." Thank you again. Respectfully

Vincent J. Montagna, Retiree, "MOF" Class of April 1965  
Corresponding Secretary, Verrazano 10-13 Association



## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

### **Jack Hellman (646) 752-6148**

We lost a great "boss" and gentleman in Bill Wallace. His passing is a great loss to anyone who knew him. Our condolences go out to his friends and family. We have lost too many members this year. If anyone hears of a sick member or death please contact me so that we can acknowledge it.

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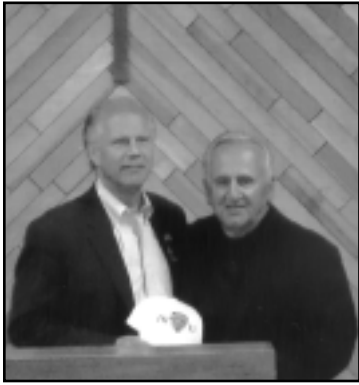


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## APPLICATION

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## SPONSOR

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years. A Sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award selection every three (3) consecutive yearly drawings.

## ELIGIBILITY

A son, daughter or 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 (taking at least 12 credits) for the 2016 school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting three (3) years. High School students must be attending a tuition-paying school.

## ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT

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

## VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application.

## NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

For the 2016 school year, three (3) College scholarships and one (1) High School scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each.

## SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance for selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn by the Scholarship Committee at the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association holiday meeting in December. They will be drawn in full view of the members present (Alternate drawing date is the January general meeting). All applications must be received prior to the drawing date. *NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING.*

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#### APPLICANT

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RETIREE FUND**  
**Eligibility**

The benefits provided by the Retiree Health and Welfare Fund of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of the City of New York are available to retired New York City Police Officers (Members) and their eligible dependents. Temporary continuation of coverage is available, at a cost, to dependents who lose coverage due to a qualifying event through COBRA.

**Member**

A "**member**" is a retired New York City Police Officer for whom the City of New York is required to make a contribution to the PBA Retiree Health and Welfare Fund. Participation in the Fund, and eligibility for benefits, begins as of the first day for which the City of New York is required to make a contribution to the Fund. In general, participation in the Fund ceases when one of the following events occurs:

- Death of the member;
- The City of New York is not required to make contributions to the Fund for the member.

**Dependents**

A Member's eligible dependents include the Member's:

- Spouse
- Domestic Partner
- Dependent Children

A "**spouse**" is a Member's legally married spouse. If a Member and spouse are already legally married on the Member's first day of participation, eligibility for coverage for the Member's spouse begins as of the Member's first day of participation. If the marriage occurs after the Member's first day of participation, eligibility for coverage for the Member's spouse begins on the date of the marriage.

A "**domestic partner**" is a Member's domestic partner who has been approved for coverage as such by the City of New York Health Benefits Program. Written approval of domestic partner coverage by the City of New York Health Benefits Program must be provided to the Fund in order to enroll a domestic partner. There may be tax consequences associated with enrolling a domestic partner. For more information, please contact the Office of Labor Relations Domestic Partnership Liaison Unit at 212-306-7605.

A Member's "**dependent children**" include the Member's natural or legally adopted children, children for whom the Member has court-appointed guardianship or custody, children required to be covered pursuant to a qualified medical child support order, and stepchildren living in the Member's home. Dependent children are generally covered through the end of the calendar year during which they attain the age of nineteen (19). Coverage may be extended through the end of the calendar year during which the dependent child attains the age of twenty-three (23) if he or she is a full-time student.



### **Extension of Coverage as a Full-Time Student**

To be eligible for dependent student coverage, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Student is unmarried
- Member supplies at least 50% of the student's support and student is an eligible dependent of the member
- Must be enrolled
  - as a **full-time student as defined by the school**
  - in an Associates or Bachelors degree program (trade schools and correspondence/on-line courses of study do not qualify)
  - at an **accredited College or University** in the state in which the school is located
- **Must have filed a PBA Dependent Student Certification Form.** This form must be filed **every** verification period.

**Note:** In lieu of the PBA Dependent Student Verification Form, the Funds Office will accept a current Enrollment Verification Certificate from the National Student Clearinghouse

<http://www.studentclearinghouse.org>.

If your dependent has graduated, or is otherwise no longer enrolled as a full-time student, coverage will terminate at the end of the verification period (January 31 or September 30) for which a PBA Dependent Student Certification Form has been completed. For example, if your dependent child's full-time student status has been verified for the spring verification period ending September 30, 2015 and graduates on May 25, 2015, coverage will terminate as of September 30, 2015.

### **Separate Enrollment Processes for PBA and City of New York Benefits**

It is important to note that the Fund and the City of New York Health Benefits Program do not share enrollment information. **You must submit enrollment and dependent status change information separately to both the PBA Retiree Health and Welfare Fund and to the City of New York Health Benefits Program. Updating information with one plan does not update information with the other.** This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Address changes
- Adding dependents
- Removing dependents
- Providing information regarding other coverage for Coordination of Benefits (COB).

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### **NY STATE UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

The office of the NY State Comptroller maintains a data base of people who are owed money being held by NY State.

*Check it out. You never know. The site explains how the money can be obtained.*

<https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us>

### **JOIN or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2017**

**A membership application is included in this newsletter**

In the event you failed to submit a membership renewal application in 2010 to 2017, this Newsletter contains a dual year membership application. Membership continuity is required in order to qualify for a High School or College Scholarship (3 years continuous membership) or Longevity benefits (80 year old registration fee waiver - 5 years continuous membership).

## **WARNING**

New cameras have been installed on every city bus. Every time the driver opens the door the camera flashes, and if you happen to be parked or even standing by a bus stop it will be a \$250.00 ticket! More so if you are driving in a bus lane and there is a bus behind you, the driver can click a button to take a picture of you that will cost \$350.00. Notify your family and friends, the city is **NOT** notifying the public about this.

# New York City Verrazano 10-13 Association, Inc.

Comprised of Retired & Active NYPD Police Officers of all ranks  
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## 2016 MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the  
Knights of Columbus S.I. Council  
22 Hillside Terrace  
Staten Island, NY 10308  
718-317-0343

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month at 7:15 PM as follows:

<del>January 18<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>July</del> No Meeting
<del>February 15<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Aug</del> No Meeting
<del>March 15<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>September 20<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>April 19<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>October 18<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>May 17<sup>th</sup></del>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
<del>June 21<sup>st</sup></del>	<b>December 20th</b> <b>Holiday Luncheon</b>

## Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 20, 2017  
Nuccis South Italian Restaurant  
4842 Arthur Kill Rd (Near the Outerbridge)  
Staten Island, NY 10309  
(718) 967 – 3600



Application in this newsletter  
Selection at the Holiday Luncheon  
Presentation at the January Meeting

## Police Relief Fund Emergency Medical Squad

The Police Relief Fund and the Emergency Medical Squad is a FREE benefit that all active and retired members of the service receive (this benefit includes spouses, children and parents)

Benefits include, but are not limited to: Ambulance to/from New York City up to 250 miles; medical equipment: oxygen therapy, pulmonary aid supplies, wheel chairs, electrical hospital beds, crutches, canes, tens unit therapy and other durable medical equipment.

Police Relief Fund / 1-718-626-9320  
Emergency Medical Sqd 1-718-626-9321  
(See our website for benefit information)

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

NYPD General Information	1-646-610-5000
Pension Section	1-212-693-5100
Out of State, call Toll Free	1-866-692-7133
PBA Union Office	1-212-233-5531
PBA Health & Welfare	1-212-349-7560
PBA Toll Free	1-877-844-5842
DEA	1-212-587-9120
SBA	1-212-226-2180
LBA & SOC	1-212-964-7500
NYPD License Division	1-646-610-5560
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
GHI	1-800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "A"	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "B"	1-212-306-7300
Caremark	1-877-722-7911
Ret.Health Ben (Rector St.)	1-212-513-0470
NYC Health Line	1-800-521-9574
VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
ID Card Selection	1-646-610-5150

### IMPORTANT WEB SITES

NYC Pension <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html>