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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Commesso

Our annual golf outing was held on August 23 and was a huge success. This was the first time in 18 years that the sun was not baking us. Maybe the cloudy skies brought out the golfers in numbers. And outing of this size cannot be a success without the help of others. I cannot say enough about Jack Hellman. Without his help, I would have been in a deep quandary. Frank and Vivian Martarella were also extremely involved in obtaining prizes and the running of the outing itself. Barbara Gallo was by my side helping with the money and selling chances. A big thank you to Barbara. Carlo Imperato and John Donohue handled the taking of photos of all the golfers at the 6th hole, but sadly to say no one won the car again. Jim Cognetta of Dana Motors once again donated a new car for the taking if a hole and one was recorded. Bruce Struthers got an "ACE" but on the wrong hole. He did receive a new set of golf clubs. Paul Ferrigno donated several items for the prize table and helped out with the selling of chances and tallying the monies collected. Vin Montagna was the "Jack of all trades", giving help where needed. Joe Molloy also helped where needed. The profits made from this outing will be going to many charitable causes. Our scholarship fund, the Widows and Children's fund and also a donation will be made to the Dan Pantaleo fund. Raul Parada won the 50/50 which was the biggest prize ever. The Jersey Shore 10-13 once again supported us with a foursome.

Our September meeting had Councilman Joe Borrelli give the members an update on what was going on in the City Council. He was well received by the members. Recording secretary Paul Gallo informed the members at the meeting that the bus for the Wind Creek Casino is filled up.

Jack Hellman, Bruce Struthers, Ed Kerschecki (our first president) and I were at a golf outing at the Beth Page Country Club. There we met up with Dan Pantaleo. I asked Dan to join us at the October meeting. He stated that he would love to attend. Hopefully he does and we will present a donation to him and his family. This is what the Verrazano 10-13 is for. We will help our brothers in blue in a time of need. I am sure when City Hall hears of all the support Dan is getting from groups like ours it will ruffle some feathers.

Hopefully we will again have a full house on the 16th of October to show Dan we have his back and will not be forgotten. Come and join us, enjoy a good meal and meet friends.



VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - Joseph Molloy

TWO SCAMS THAT ARE NOTABLY MAKING THE ROUNDS IN 2019 THAT ESPECIALLY CONCERN SENIOR CITIZENS.

1. Social Security spoofing calls

There's been a significant uptick in fraudulent telephone calls from people claiming to represent the Social Security Administration (SSA). In them, unknown callers threaten victims that they face arrest or other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number or press the number indicated in the message to address the issue. Sometimes the scammers switch tactics and say that they want to help an individual activate a suspended Social Security number. They may even "spoof" the actual Social Security hotline number to appear on the recipient's phone: 1-800-772-1213.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up. Know that Social Security rarely contacts persons by phone unless you have ongoing business with them, and they never make threats about arrest or legal action.

Report suspicious calls to the SSA Office of the Inspector General by calling 1-800-269-0271 or submitting a report on the OIG website.

2. A new twist on the old grandparent scam

The grandparent scam has been around for several years. In this approach, a person calls an older adult pretending to be a grandchild who's been involved in an accident or legal trouble and needs money immediately.

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) found that instead of using wire transfer or gift cards, an increasing number of older adults are mailing cash to these fraudsters, with a median individual loss of \$9,000. According to reports, the scammers often ask seniors to divide the bills into envelopes and place them between the pages of a magazine, then send them using various carriers, including UPS, FedEx, and the U.S. Postal Service.

The FTC warns that if you or a loved one receives one of these calls, don't act right away. Call that grandchild back on a correct phone number and verify their whereabouts. If you've mailed cash, report it right away to the Postal Service or shipping company you used. Some people have been able to stop delivery by acting quickly and giving a tracking number. Be sure to also file a complaint to the FTC at FTC.gov/complaint.

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TREASURER'S LINES - Paul Ferrigno

This will be my last article as treasurer. In past newsletters and at our regular meetings, I have continually asked for our younger members to step up and take a more active role in our association. One such member, Chris Piazza, recently asked how he could help. At our October board meeting, I will be resigning and Chris will be appointed to take my place. Under the more than capable leadership of our president Richie Commesso, we have, what I believe, a very well run organization. In order to keep it that way and to make it even more viable in the years to come, we need more of our younger members to eventually replace our entire board. In several months, I will be eighty years of age and I am not the oldest board member. I won't mention his name but, he is already an octogenarian. There are nine board members and, I believe, not one of them is less than the age of seventy five.

In January of this year, I was appointed to replace our then current treasurer, who had recently passed on. It was not a job I had asked for but, as explained to me by the board, someone had to do it and that someone was me. I told them that I would do my best. My aim was to do as good job as possible as one of my predecessors, my good friend Charlie Manganato who had passed on a couple of years before. He was truly exceptional and excelled as treasurer of our association. It took a bit of time before I became comfortable in the position. I did the best I could and believe I did a decent job but, no way near as good as Charlie.

After chatting with Chris Piazza and learning of his computer skills, which I am somewhat short of, and other abilities, I am confident that he has the capability to do an excellent job as our new treasurer and I wish him well and good luck.

Perhaps, Chris being a young man willing to take on a more active role, will be encouragement for others to do the same. We can only hope.

We have a very good organization that strives to assist our fellow brothers and sisters in law enforcement in any way we can. Let's continue to keep it that way. God bless us all.

P.S. I am not gone. I will be around to help in any way I can.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna



Background checks for gun buyers are good policy, good politics for Trump

New York's "red flag" law goes into effect Saturday, making the Empire State the 17th to put the gun-control measure in place.

The regulations prevent people who show signs of being at risk to themselves or others from purchasing or owning a firearm, rifle or shotgun.

"Saturday is a very big day for saving lives in New York," said bill sponsor state Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon (D-Brooklyn) Thursday at a Manhattan rally.

National cries to strengthen gun laws resurfaced after the massacres in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, earlier this month.

"It's no comfort to deal with a case after someone's been shot," Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance Jr. said at a press conference with his Bronx counterpart, Darcel Clark.

"As a district attorney, lowering gun violence is really one of my highest priorities. This is going to save lives, and New York is going to lead the way."

Starting Saturday, relatives, household members, school administrators or a designee, cops and DAs have the right to file a petition with the state Supreme Court reporting individuals.

Petitioners must provide evidence that individuals own, possess or have access to a firearm and pose a threat to themselves or others.

Applications will be heard and a decision to move forward with a hearing will be made on the same day a petition is filed.

If a person is found "likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to himself, herself, or others," a temporary "extreme-risk protection order" can be immediately issued, effectively blocking the individual from firearm possession or purchase, according to the legislation.

Such an order would allow law enforcement to immediately remove any guns from the person's home.

A follow-up hearing would be held within three to six days to decide whether to keep the weapons out of the home for up to a year. Such orders can be renewed after that.

"We are pulling together a task force to monitor this process," said state Senate sponsor Brian Kavanagh (D-Manhattan/Brooklyn), noting cohesion among the Legislature, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office, district attorneys' offices and school superintendents.

"If an order is being granted, from my perspective that's a good thing," he added. "We don't think it's going to be a very high volume. The Office of Court Administration hasn't asked us for additional funding."

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RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Paul Gallo

On December 1, 2019 the organization is having a bus trip to the new Wind Creek Casino in PA. I am happy to report it is sold out. The bus will leave at 11:30 AM from the Burger King on Richmond Ave in front of the Staten Island Mall. Please arrive at 11:00AM. The bus will leave promptly. Thanks to all who sent in their money early!

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES

When you work for the NYPD, you have a variety of financial and other job related benefits that can be overwhelming to keep track of. Beginning in 2018, an update to the New York City Automated Personnel System (NYCAPS), Employee Self Service (ESS) portal, allows members to enter or update their beneficiary designations information so that their designated beneficiary may receive a cash benefit representing all or some of the employees' unused leave balances and for an accidental death benefit offered by the City. This system replaced the "Green Beneficiary Card" that most CMOS completed when they were hired. Now, all MOS, both Civilian and Uniformed, must use the New York City Automated Personnel System (NYCAPS), Employee Self Service (ESS) portal to designate beneficiaries and update their information.

Have you entered or updated your beneficiary designations information in ESS?

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For additional information on updating your beneficiary information for unused leave balances and/accidental death benefits, please contact 646-610-4201.

Additional Benefits:

In addition to designating a beneficiary for your unused leave balances and accidental death benefits, many MOS are entitled to Death Benefits from their Pension System, Union and the Deferred Compensation Plan. These entities are all separate and distinct and require specific paperwork in order to designate or update beneficiary information. For more comprehensive information, it is strongly suggested that you reach out directly to those providers. This information is not carried over to the New York City Automated Personnel System (NYCAPS), Employee Self Service (ESS) portal. Some information to get you started is noted below.

Pension:

Most CMOS are enrolled in one of two pension systems, either the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS) or the Board of Education Retirement System (BERS).

If you are a member of NYCERS and would like to update or review your beneficiary information, you can contact NYCERS at (347) 643-3000 or visit their website at <https://www.nycers.org/beneficiary-designation>.

If you are a member of BERS and would like to update or review your beneficiary information, you can go to the Board of Education Retirement System (BERS) by following the following link: <https://www.bers.nyc.gov/site/bers/plan-information/retirement-programs.page>.

Deferred Compensation Plan:

If you are enrolled in the Deferred Compensation Plan, you can obtain more information at the Office of Labor Relations website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/deferred/dcp-beneficiary-information.page>.

Union Benefits:

Many NYC Employee unions offer a financial death benefit in the event a Member passes away. You should contact your union directly to ensure that this information accurately reflects your current wishes.



TRUSTEES - Carlo & Vincent Imperato

Summers seem to go by faster every year. Hope you all enjoyed some relaxation and fun with family and friends. Our annual golf outing was a big success. One of our golfers got a hole in one; unfortunately, not on the hole to win the Mustang. Better luck next year!

Our niece, who works at Fox News, will try to reach out to Dan Bongino to ask if he can speak at one of our meetings. More to follow.

One last thought —if the Democrats win the 2020 election, our country will not be the same. Think of your children and grandchildren.

VERRAZANO 10-13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2019



TRUSTEE - William "Harpo" Silvestri

As in the past, this years' annual golf outing turned out to be a very enjoyable day for all. A good deal of planning and work by our board of directors, especially President Richie Commesso and Sergeant-At-Arms Jack Hellman, is what made it, once again, a successful event. The weather could have been a little better; it drizzled in the morning hours and cleared up around noon. The sixty or so golfers seemed to have no problem.

The food and drink were not only plentiful but, also very appetizing. No one left unfulfilled.

The winner of our 50/50, not a member of our association, was one the golfers and therefore present and quite happy to go home with \$1500.00 more than he came with.

The net proceeds from the golf outing was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8000.00, a good neighborhood to be in. These same proceeds will be used in the furtherance of the objectives of our association. One of those objectives being to assist in the welfare of all active and retired law enforcement officers when needed.

Thanks to all, golfers, 50/50 ticket purchasers and sponsors for making this event the success that it was.





SGT. AT ARMS - Jack Hellman

Well here's October, another winter ahead of us. I want to personally thank all who participated in our golf outing this year, whether you bought a 50/50, sponsored a hole helped at the BBQ or played. We had a successful outing and it will help defray the cost of our donation to our scholarship fund, the donation to The Widow & Children's Fund & this year a sizable donation to Danny Pantaleo, one of our own who got caught up in a political screwing, by the worst mayor this city has ever had. I recently had the occasion to play golf with him. I found him to be one of the nicest young man I had the privilege to meet. Just keep it in mind that the incident could have happened to anyone of us.

It is with deep regret to report the passing of Verrazano 10-13 member Frank Rapacciulo.



A day of golf at Beth Page Country Club with 10-13 members Jack Hellman, Ed Kersheki, Bruce Struthers, Inspector Delahanty and Danny Pantaleo. Great time!

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Applicant's High School: _____

College Attending: _____

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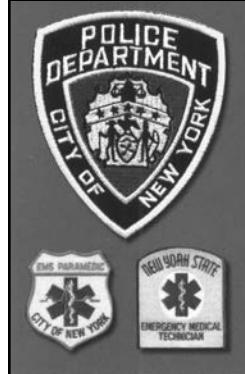


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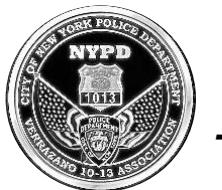


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Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years. A Sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one 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 2019 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 2019 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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NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION □ 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



(PLEASE PRINT)

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Home Phone: () _____

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APPLICANT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Home Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____ Relationship to Sponsor: _____

School Attending: _____ Date: _____ Give a brief statement about your
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2019 MEETINGS

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

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

NOTE DATE CORRECTIONS For JANUARY & MAY

***January 16th**

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th

***May 15th**

June 19th

July NO MEETING

August No MEETING

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th Christmas Luncheon

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)

Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Nuccis South Italian Restaurant

4842 Arthur Kill Rd (Near the Outerbridge)

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(718) 967 – 3600



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

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>