Other News:

The SOAR Board has endorsed Adam Bello for County Executive. The Board held "Meet the Candidate" events giving both candidates the opportunity to address the membership. Unfortunately, both events were poorly attended. The Board, which represents you, conducted a secret ballot and Adam Bello received the most votes in a close result. The Board, therefore, is endorsing Adam for County Executive. Adam and his administration have worked with SOAR in increasing the HRA Benefit Card that many are receiving (NOTE: Those who retired with Blue Million Healthcare are not eligible for the HRA Card). For those that have the HRA card currently, look for a letter from the County Executive about 2024's benefit which was negotiated by your SOAR Team headed up by Bob Kehoe and Bob Murphy. The Bello Administration has been very good to work with and there has been a much-improved working relationship with many County Departments since his election to County Executive. His support for the Sheriff's Office is also very noteworthy with the creation of 50 new Deputy positions for the Road Patrol and an increase in the starting salary for the Jail Deputies.

Adam and Mark Assini are both very fine men and candidates and the Board struggled with our choice, but honestly it came down to knowing what we have with Adam verses the promise of what we may obtain with Mark.

ALSO IN OTHER NEWS:

SOAR and the Sheriff's Office has created a "Retiree's Manual" to assist and guide both the prospective retiree as well as those already retired. Filled with useful information, it can be obtained by contacting Todd Allen @ soarboard2023@gmail.com. In recognition for their work in creating this useful tool, Todd Allen, Pat Michael and Lynda Spiegel were awarded a Sheriff's Commendation by Sheriff Baxter this past September 25th.

Did you know that SOAR has a Facebook Page? Search "Sheriff's Office Association of Retirees" in Groups to request membership. The page is limited to Retirees of the MCSO, their Families, the Survivors of Retirees, Active Members of the MCSO and retired members of local law enforcement. It is NOT a site for commerce, but one meant to inform.

The Annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, January 13th, 2024, at Jack's Place at the Chili Country Club (760 Scottsville Chili Road) beginning at 2PM until 5PM. The cost is $10 per for ACTIVE SOAR MEMBERS and one (1) Guest. The cost for additional guests will be $30 each. RSVP's are REQUIRED by emailing SOAR at soarboard2023@gmail.com or my mail at SOAR c/o Todd Allen 20 Flower Dale Drive, Rochester, NY 14626.

The August Picnic, which was a FREE EVENT, was a success! It will be held annually, so stay tuned!

SICK AND WELFARE:

Please keep Howie Merritt, Edeltraut Bergmann and Ray Battaglia, Scott Alberti and Tom Vasile in your thoughts and prayers.

EOW:

Dick Fagan, Sharon Rivaldo, Dick Kingdon, Danny Emerson, Gene Goff, Henry Mearlender III, Thomas Jones, Jr., Steven O'Donnell, James Cassidy, William Foreman, Deputy Avis Robinson, John Henderson, and Fay Clark.

Until we see you each again…. Rest In Peace oh Faithful Servant.

Todd Allen, President