

### A Member of the New York 10-13 Associations of America, Inc. A National Organization of Retired & Active New York City Police Officers.

Greetings to my Brothers/ Sisters in Blue.

Our February meeting was very well attended. We are starting to run out of tables. Thank you to all the members, because without you we wouldn't be where we are today. We welcomed many new members!

February 12th, I attended the presidents meeting. The hot topic of discussion was our healthcare. By the timing of this newsletter, you most likely have heard that late on Friday, March 4, 2022, the City filed an appeal of Justice Frank's recent ruling that allowed the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan to go forward, but also required the City to provide the alternative Senior Care plan without any cost to retirees. Given the uncertainty this has created, the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan will not be implemented on April 1, 2022, and retirees can remain in their current plan at this time. Retirees do not need to opt out of the Medicare Advantage Plus Plan in order to remain in Senior Care or their current plan on April 1. I am being bombarded by calls and about 600 emails stating, "don't listen to what the city has to say about not having to opt out". Well, I called the Alliance Call center at 1 (833) 325-1190 this morning and immediately got through and was told that there was nothing that I needed to do that we were automatically opted out. I was then given a reference number. If you feel that you still need to go ahead and opt out, then please go right ahead.

Also, at the presidents meeting, one of our members Bob S. was the lucky winner of the gun raffle. Our membership is on a winning streak of winning 2 out the 3 raffles held at the presidents' meetings.

We had a nice representation at the FOP3100 & Palm Beach 10-13 barbeque. Great food, lots of laughs. The Palm Beach 10-13 was excited to see our members and thanked us for showing and supporting them.

Our membership also just recently attended the Post Office building renaming ceremony to honor our fallen hero, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Joseph Bullock. The Bullock family was speechless and is honored that the community vows to never forget Trooper Bullock. A hero remembered, never dies.

St. Patrick's Day festival begins on Friday March 11th at 5 pm, with the parade on Saturday March 12th. @ 9221 Southeast Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. The morning of Friday March 11th, I will be setting up our booth "tent". Our booth is for informational purposes only. It is to let other NYPD retirees know that we are here on the Treasure Coast. We will have applications. I will be manning the booth starting about 4 pm on Friday. If anyone wants to come and join me, please feel free. The parade starts @11am. For those members who wish to join in and march with the Treasure Coast 10-13 please be at the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center (formerly knows as the Civic Center) no later than 10am. The best way to enter the area would be off of US Highway 1 and look for parking in that vicinity. We are the 3rd in the Second Division (following all the local municipalities). We will be mustering up on 1st Street. Just look for the NYPD Cushman Scooter. Please wear your Treasure Coast 10-13 shirts, and if you don't ,wear NYPD shirts. I will be bringing our banner and a few NYPD flags. I will include a map along with the email to this newsletter. Parade starts promptly by 11am. Last year was our first-year marching in the parade and we got a standing ovation. Bring your family, friends, neighbors etc. The more the merrier! Following the parade, I will be manning our booth. Last year we picked up 10 new members following the parade. There are carnival rides, vendors, food and music.

Our annual Treasure Coast 10-13 Barbeque will be held on Saturday April 23, 2022 from noon to 5 pm. It will be held at SandHill Crane Park 2355 SE Scenic Park Dr, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. We are looking for new items to be used for the raffles. If you wish to donate any items, please let me know. Cost of the barbeque is \$10 per person and is open to all friends and family.

We discussed having a ceremonial unit to attend members funeral services. We had a great response. More will be discussed in the future. Some of the other clubs have a ceremonial unit and I will talk to them to gather the muchneeded information so that I can pass it on at our next meeting. We are still trying to figure out how to obtain the dress uniforms. We have not forgotten about this.

The deadline for filing the Notice of Participation with the New York Police Pension Fund is September 11, 2022. This is the last time the deadline will be extended. Make sure you have filed the Notice of Participation to be eligible for disability benefits should you become ill from your 9/11 rescue and recovery work. The Notice of Participation Form can be found on the NYPD Police Pension Fund website. I also have a copy if you should need it. If you believe you already filed, but are not sure, the Police Pension Fund has listed all the Tax ID numbers of those whose paperwork they've already received under "WTC Information" on the left side of the home page. https://www1.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc\_information/wtc\_information.shtml

First, click on "WTC Information" and check the pdf file to see if your number is listed. If it is, then you do not have to re-file. However, if your number does not appear, you must file the form (even if you currently have no symptoms of illness) by September 11, 2022 to be eligible in the future in case of illness and/or death

The board would like to thank all the members who have donated money to the club. Those donations help out with the yearly maintenance of the website and keeping our domain name. Thank you to Larry Benenati (\$25), Brian Delaney (\$25), Charles Pusey (\$50), Anthony Valicenti (\$25) and Robert Strickland (\$25) for their donations!

Tom Fitzgerald won the 50/50 and donated \$20 back to the club.

Just yesterday a friend of mine Mike M, donated \$40 to our club. He is not a member, nor is he a police officer, he just loves the NYPD and wanted to show his support.

Congratulations to Ed & Stephanie R. on the birth of their 3rd grandchild!! The new parents and baby are all doing well.

Also, do not forget! We have moved the meetings to the **LAST TUESDAY** of the month. Please take note and mark those calendars.

Respectfully yours, Al Hickey

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### **March Appointments**

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### March Birthdays

Marty Stalker – 9th Vince Cooney – 11th Ray Aaron – 14th Bob Dalton – 15th John Wilders – 15th Maria Welch – 15th Mickey Soo – 20th Ed Remavich – 23rd Charlie Muscarella – 30th Tony Valicenti – 30th

# Next Meeting

# Tuesday March 29th - 7:30 pm

Port St Lucie American Legion Post 318, 1000 Savanna Club Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. (Savanna Rd & US1 behind Speedway Gas Station.

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Anyone who knows of someone in need of assistance or a posting in this column, please call Al Hickey 772-408-2166 or Larry Marren 561-601-9440

Keep Jo-Ann Dalessio in your thoughts and prayers. She will be under going knee surgery in the near future.

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