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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Richard Comnesso*

Ripley's Believe it or not, the Meeting at Mt. Summit, they say it couldn't be done. Give whatever name you want, it was accomplished. President Vic Grillo of the Brooklyn Staten Island 10-13 and his Board hosted this writer and the Board of the Verrazano 10-13 at a luncheon at Andrew's Diner in Great Kills. This meeting was made possible by Eric Pistek V.P. Of Brooklyn Staten Island and this writer. It took almost a



year to put together this meeting. Discussed were the common problems held by both organizations. Also discussed was the possibility of each group helping each other in times of need. This could be supporting a golf outing, a candidate running for office and such. We need only look to the NYC Fire Department and their unity among all members. This does not mean that a merge of the two organizations will take place. We will remain separate, but will support each other when needed as should be...

John Donohue, along with Attorney John Friscia has been working feverishly in setting up our quest for a 501.3c status. We are informed that a decision will be forthcoming. I cannot begin to inform you of the work John has been doing. Whether it is a commercial on S.I. T.V. or the hours he puts in with the 501.3c

I hope many of you saw the article in the Staten Island Advance regarding our 7th. Annual Golf Outing that will be held on August 31, 2009. The article appeared in Tom Flanagan's Golf column. The outing will be held at the Silver Lake Golf Course with an 8:00am shotgun start. Everyone then will proceed to the Marine Corp League hall located just down the block off Victory Blvd. Once again Canlon's will cater the event and our faithful crew will supply the B.B.Q. The entry fee is \$125.00 with a \$10.00 raffle that can win you a 1st. prize of \$1,000.00 and 2 prizes of \$250.00. If you are not a golfer, come for the food at a cost of \$35.00. Marie Zolfo and Frank Martarella have been a great help in putting this outing together. Ed Reuss has been busy on the computer

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to people to inform them of the event. An application will be enclosed with this newsletter... Remember August 31, Silver Lake Golf Course.

As everyone knows, absolutely nothing is being done in the Senate. Can you imagine telling one of the bosses that you disagree with another sector and will not answer calls? This is a travesty and we are paying for the same.

We have heard nothing from upstate on any positive or negative goings on. They say no news is good news. We shall see.

If you look at the listings of Board Members, you will see several changes. We have had people step up and assume positions that needed to be filled. A new format will be held at all meetings,

with chairmen reporting for their own committee. Once again, John Donahue was instrumental in setting the format up.

I must give kudos to Joe Cammarata in keeping up the roster. After the last mailing, we only had 2 newsletters returned. I think he is sending ship to shore communications from his boat in the Great Kills marina.

Our next meeting will be on September 16, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Great Kills.

Support your organization, come to the golf outing as a golfer or just to enjoy the food.

*Richard Commedia*

## **IF YOU MOVE**

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



*T. De Is Anthony "Tony Moustache" De Natale who is the outgoing Health and Welfare officer and Joe Bonammo is the incoming H & W Officer.*

# *Vice President's Message*

*by Anthony Franzese*

This is my first column as the Vice President of the NYC Verrazano 10-13. I am filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Anthony DeNatale. Our Board has been extremely busy building a strong platform that will greatly benefit the membership. What I can not understand is the questioning we are getting from the National 10-13 as to why we are attempting to gain status as a 501 3c organization. It has been explained at two (2) National meetings the benefits that we will receive. A lot of hard work has been put into this attempt to gain non for profit status.. The problem is as I understand that it is not understood and the unknown and rumors are scary. We are attempting this endeavour to benifit the organization and to be able to be more flexible in our charities. What is more strange is that the National Treasurer Tom Mullins suggested this to me while I was Treasurer of the Verrazano 10-13.

The golf outing is almost upon us and thanks to the work of Marie Zolfo, Frank Martarella, Ed Reuss and Rich Commesso, we expect it to be a great success. The golf outing will be held at Silver Lake Golf Course on Monday August 31, 2009. It will be a shotgun start at 8:00am. All will be finishing at the same time and proceeding to the Marine Corp. League for a delicious meal prepared by Ed Canlon of Canlon's Restaurant. There will be many prizes and a chance to win a new 2010 Lincoln provided by Dana Motor's. Come golf with us or just come for the food and drink. A great time will be had by all.

Frank Martarella represented the Board at the National 10-13 weekend. Frank reports that there were fewer people this year, due largely to the strained economy. All those that were present had a good time.

Be sure to attempt to attend our next meeting which will be held on September 16, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Great Kills.

(DON'T BELIEVE RUMORS,  
CHECK WITH YOUR BOARD)

*Anthony Franzese*

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## *Quote of the Month:*

“When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hrdly stand to be around him. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was amazed by how much he had learnded in seven years.”

– *Mark Twain*

# Happy Birthday to . . . .

John J. Gannon	18-Aug	John A. Johnson	26-Sep
John J. Garrity	18-Aug	John C. Johnson	25-Sep
Anthony Garvey, President	29-Aug	Robert J. Johnson	22-Sep
Joseph P. Giamportone	13-Aug	Marc A. Jones	29-Sep
William F. Gifford	11-Aug	Thomas M. Jones	10-Sep
Brian S. Gilsean	22-Aug	Kenneth Kannett	9-Sep
Richard A. Girardi	4-Aug	Michael J. Keane	24-Sep
Albert W. Girimonte	24-Aug	Robert W. Keefe	4-Sep
Howard Gise	15-Aug	Catherine A. Keenan	25-Sep
Joseph F. Giustella	22-Aug	Michael Keenan	14-Sep
Gary Glessing	20-Aug	Robert Keith	15-Sep
John W. Goetz	15-Aug	Gene T. Kelly	28-Sep
Alfred T. Goffin	1-Aug	Jack J. Kelly	19-Sep
Barry Staten Isl. Goldman	12-Aug	Gene Kenny	8-Oct
Christopher A. Gonzalez	22-Aug	Edward J. Keschecki	14-Oct
Eugene Goolic	16-Aug	Joseph F. Kessler	5-Oct
Richard Grandt	16-Aug	Kevin's Auto Body	18-Oct
Angelo N. Graniero	22-Aug	William J. Kinzler	9-Oct
Sebastian Grasso	7-Aug	Yalcin B. Kiyar	27-Oct
Nathaniel M. Green	10-Aug	Walter J. Klugewicz	19-Oct
Michael J. Gregorio	30-Aug	Barry F. Kolyer	25-Oct
Sam Gregorio	20-Aug	Patricia M. Kopec	2-Oct
Charles M. Greinsky	18-Aug	Helge Korsnes	5-Oct
Victor Grillo	2-Aug	Thomas W. Krane	22-Oct
Michael Guidice	26-Sep	Arthur P. Krumrey	3-Oct
John F. Hagan	6-Sep	Leonard J. La Rocca	4-Oct
Arthur Hagenlocher	12-Sep	Manuel Lagmay	9-Oct
Michael Hagis	13-Sep	Anthony A. LaGrutta	25-Oct
John Hall	5-Sep	Joseph Lani	28-Oct
Ken Hammill	30-Sep	Arthur J. Larsen	18-Oct
Robert Hanley	23-Sep	Patrick J. Lavin	10-Oct
Kenneth P. Hanrahan	5-Sep	Thomas C. Lavin	5-Oct
Doug Hansen	11-Sep	John Leahy	9-Oct
Robert Harris	1-Sep	William M. Leask	15-Oct
Robert Harris	30-Sep	Fred Leerhsen	26-Oct
William Hayden	12-Sep	All-Time Limousine Inc.	20-Oct
David G. Held	5-Sep	John Liota	6-Oct
Raymond H. Helfand	23-Sep	Denise J. Liotta	16-Oct
Jack Hellman	18-Sep	Richard S. Lisi	21-Oct
David J. Hennesey	21-Sep	Joseph Litrell, Jr.	20-Oct
William R. Hock	25-Sep	Carl Loiacono	10-Oct
John P. Hogarty	11-Sep	Joseph R. Lombardi	16-Oct
James Hollomon	17-Sep	Michael J. Loughery	29-Oct
Francis J. Hourican	19-Sep	Ronald C. Lozito	13-Oct
Frank J. Hoza	26-Sep	Steve J. Lucadamo	28-Oct
James W. Hurley	3-Sep	Modestino Lucarelli	12-Oct
Martin Imbembo	5-Sep	Edward J. Luhrs	14-Dec
Vincent A. Imperato	21-Sep	Charles J. Luick	28-Oct
Robert A. Intartaglio	27-Sep	Steve Luongo	29-Oct
Steve Isola	16-Sep	Patrick Lynch, President	8-Oct
Thomas J. Jakubowski	1-Sep	Charles J. Lyons	18-Oct

# Treasurer's Report

*by Frank Martarella*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Commesso, his Board, and the Members who at our May 9, 2009, meeting entrusted me with the financial funds of our organization as the new Treasurer, due to the elevation of Anthony Franzese's to Vice President.

I have been a member of a 10-13 Association for over 20 years starting with the Brooklyn/Staten Island 10-13 Association. I left this Association and subsequently joined the Queens Chapter for some of the issues that ultimately led to the formation and beginning of the Verrazano 10-13 Association. I have greatly enjoyed my membership with the Verrazano Association and look forward to future challenges and achievement of many, if not all, of our future goals.

We have recently sent a mailing to all of our Members who have not paid their 2009 dues. If your mailing label does not have the year 2009 next to your name, then your dues for the upcoming 2010 year is due. Please mail in your dues so that our support of our members and their families can continue and we can strive for greater goals in the upcoming year.

The Verrazano 10-13 Board Members and I would like to thank all of the Members who have paid their 2009 dues and who continue to support us with their generous donations to our 300 Raffle Gulf Outing.

I hope to see you at our Golf Outing on August 31. If you are not a golfer, like me, join us anyway for the barbeque, (\$35.00) great food, great raffle prizes and get together with old friends

Thank you again, and enjoy the summer.

*Frank Martarella*

# Corresponding Secretary's Corner

*by Joe Cammarata*

Days are getting shorter and nights are getting longer, seems like the summer that never was in on the wane, but at last the 10-13 association is still going strong. It seems like every few weeks I'm sitting to write an article or attempting get photographs or interesting information for presentation in the RMP. Tempus Fugit!

I must say how proud I am of our organization to have differences of opinion and still operate like a well oiled machine. And to that I have to give credit to our President Richard Commesso who at times gets extremely frustration but keeps his cool and directs the board in the right direction. Thanks Rich!

I'm sure, to some extent, you've seen or heard about the controversy of the decision to apply for a 501 3 (c) status with the IRS. Let's take a short simple look at what this means. If we attain 501 3 (c) status it will give us the ability to accept donation from individuals, businesses and corporations which will be fully deductible on income taxes and hopefully expand our donation base and income. It will certainly make it easier for us to ask for money or raffle items when we have a fund raisers or golf outings, with the last words being, "it's tax deductible". I'm sure it will Help. On the other hand, it may restrict us from getting involved politically which would eliminate our Albany trip, candidate appearances at meetings and donations to candidates as we have done in the past. I'm not totally sure at this point, but as far as I understand it, we would have to apply for a separate charter to act as a PAC (Political action committee) in order to make endorsements or donations to a candidate. Let's see how it works out.

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The other interesting occurrence is the decision of the Police Commissioner to allow Police organizations, such as ours, to use the Police department logo. Hence; the PD patch and the PO shield. We can use them, providing, we indicate "RETIRED" somewhere in the vicinity of the logo. It doesn't say how large or to what proportion so I guess we'll have pretty good license to continue. It's really a shame that while we are being asked by the city to volunteer our services in case another 911 emergency they can't give us full unrestricted use of a rallying symbol that we honored for a good portion of our lives. I wonder if the Fire Department will be recalling all their automobile plaques that they give to all firemen, of any rank, retired or active.

Again I'm calling for any events, photos or war stories that we might add to the Green Lantern section. Don't be shy, anniversaries, births, weddings anything it's your newsletter!

Thanks,  
*Joe Cammarata*  
Joe Cammarata

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## ***Recording Secretary's Lines***

*by Marie Zolfo*

The June meeting opened with President Com-messo calling the membership to order with a salute to our flag and a moment of silence for our sick and departed members. Special mention was given for the passing of Bruce Carroll and Mike Morales.

President Com-messo announced that because the Verrazano 10-13 is filing for 501(3) c status, Vice President Anthony De Natale could no longer hold the vice president position with this organization and the National. Therefore, Tony submitted his resignation and Treasurer Tony Franzese was chosen as Vice President and Frank Martarella as Treasurer. The Board wishes Tony DeNatale good luck and thanks him for his dedicated performance in this organization.

President Com-messo mentioned that the National is giving three \$1,000.00 scholarships for students entering their freshmen year in September. The applications have been mailed to the membership to be completed by eligible members with children or grandchildren meeting the criteria.

President Com-messo discussed the golf outing will be held on August 31, 2009 at Silver Lake Golf Course with a full shotgun start. The price of the entry fee will be \$125.00 which will include a raffle ticket for the "300" Club. Lunch after golf at the Marine Corp League. President Com-messo told the membership that we are still looking for sponsors.

To date approximately 100 raffles have been sold for the "300" Club raffle to be held at the golf outing. Members were asked to try and sell the raffles to family and friends.

The Committee Chairperson roster was brought up to date and chairmen were asked to get more involved. Reports were given by the Joe Bonamo and Ed Reuss. Joe Cammilleri and Tom Jones will start working on contacting members who have not paid their dues.

Dinner was again catered by Canlon and the food was plentiful and enjoyed by all.

# *General Meeting*

*June 17, 2009*

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Comnesso with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. Special mention was made for departed members of the service Bruce Carroll and Mike Morales. Board of Director members present were Rich Comnesso, President, Tony Franzese, Vice President, Frank Martarella, Treasurer, Marie Zolfo, Secretary, Joe Cammarata, Corresponding Secretary and Joe Masella, Sgt at Arms.

President Comnesso informed the membership that a meeting was held with the Board and the National Board. The National will have three scholarships for \$1,000 each. The applications will be mailed June 18 and students interested must be freshman in September. Comnesso said that the 27 applications that we had would not be eligible under the National scholarship fund. The cost for this mailing will be about \$400, and this issue will be addressed with the National.

President Comnesso again brought to the attention of the members that he has been in contact with the Brooklyn/Staten Island 10-13 and they are having the same problem with using the NYPD Logo. Comnesso said that we are all retired and work for the same benefit and that we should get together to fight for the same causes.

President Comnesso introduced a new member P.O. Pete Vernanci, 1st Pct.

President Comnesso informed the membership that we received a thank you from Msg. Farrell who we donated to and that they raised \$200,000 for Muscular Dystrophy. Comnesso stated that any money we make with our fundraisers goes out to help our members. "Our 10-13 organization is for police officers or firemen, we're there for them".

President Comnesso reiterated to the membership that the Golf Outing will be held on August 31, 2009 at Silver Lake Golf Course. He said there will be a full shotgun start, continental breakfast, goody bag, and lunch at the Marine Corp. League afterwards.

The entry fee for the outing is \$125.00 which includes a \$10.00 raffle for the "300" Club drawing for those who sign up before August 15th and the drawing will be held at the outing. Non-golfers can also attend the BBQ for \$35. Frank Rapacciuolo is going around to restaurants for gift certificates for the dine around raffle.

John Donohue at this time asked for volunteers for the association's committees. John also said that he will try to set up an AARP Insurance Course for interested members.

Committee Chairmen gave their reports.

Joseph Bonamo was appointed Chairman of the Health & Welfare Committee. Joe reiterated that HIP VIP allows one pair of orthopedic shoes a year.

Member Tom Jones volunteered to assist Retention Committee Chairman Joe Cammilleri in calling members who have not paid their dues.

Frank Rapacciuolo, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee requests a meeting to ascertain how much money from the 300 Club raffle will go to the scholarship fund.

Ed Reuss, Public Relations Committee Chairman stated that he called the Advance to have the Golf outing included in their civic organization column. Donohue added that he will try to get an ad on Channel 35 for our organization and the golf outing.

"300" Club Committee Chairperson Marie Zolfo reported that approximately 80 raffles have been sold, and asked the membership to attempt to sell and buy more raffles in the coming months for the drawing on August 31st.

All of the other Committee Chairmen had negative reports.

The 50-50 raffle first prize was won by Rocky Valinoti and second prize by Fred Tarrazi.

This is the last meeting until the Fall.

Marie Zolfo motioned to end the meeting and Joseph Quinn second the motion.

Dinner once again catered by Canlon and enjoyed by all.

# *The Joseph “Buffalo” Bellestri College Scholarship*

## **APPLICATIONS:**

The application is available in this newsletter or may be attained by contacting our office. It must be completed on provided application or an exact duplicate in size. Non-conforming applications will be discarded.

## **SPONSORSHIP:**

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Son, daughter or a 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 (at least 12 credits) for the 2009-2010 school year.

## **ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT:**

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

## **SAME FAMILY APPLICANTS:**

Each eligible member of a family may participate. However, only one scholarship will be awarded per family each year.

## **VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE:**

Winners will be required to verify school enrollment.

## **NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

For the 2009-2010 school year, four (4) scholarships each in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS:**

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance of selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn at the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association General Meeting on October 21, 2009, by the Scholarship Committee and viewed by the membership in attendance. All applications must be received prior to the drawing date. **NO APPLICATIONS** will be accepted at the meeting.

Best of luck to all!

Frank Rapacciolo, Chairman



**NYC VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION  
JOSEPH "BUFFALO" BELLESTRI  
MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
2009-2010**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # (WITH AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDING 2009-2010 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # (WITH AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

NYC VERRAZANO 10~13 SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # (WITH AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR JOINED NYC VERRAZANO 10~13 ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chairman      Frank Rapacciuolo  
Co-Chairmen   Richard Commesso  
                  Anthony Franzese  
                  Jack Hellman  
                  Joseph Masella

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NYC VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 061725  
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. 10306**

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PBA Health & Welfare ..... 1-212-349-7560  
PBA Toll Free..... 1-877-844-5842  
DEA ..... 1-212-587-9120  
SBA..... 1-212-431-6555  
LBA & CEA..... 1-212-964-7500  
Social Security ..... 1-800-772-1213  
GHI..... 1-800-358-5500  
Empire Blue Cross ..... 1-800-433-9592  
Medicare "A"..... 1-800-433-9592  
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Caremark..... 1-877-722-7911  
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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html>

## 2009 MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7:30 PM  
on the third Wednesday of the month.

There are NO meetings in  
July, August and December.

Wednesday      September 16, 2009  
Wednesday      October 21, 2009  
Wednesday      November 18, 2009

## MEETING LOCATION

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