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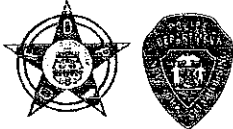


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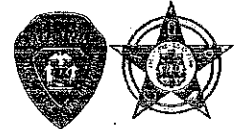
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PICNIC: The day could be described with these three phrases, wonderful weather, great food, not so good turnout. Although Mother Nature was cooperative and the cooks were ready we had only 90 folks attend our picnic. With a membership of almost 600 I did expect more. Those who did attend had a wonderful time. I know because I spoke to all of them. A special thanks to all those attended. Next year talk it up and bring a friend. It really is an enjoyable stress free day. I must also thank my 12 year old granddaughter for selling \$360 worth of 50/50 tickets. Way to go Carissa!

KIND WORDS: I recently

received this email from Joe Phillipaitis. "As always, I thoroughly enjoy the issue of R.R. It keeps me up to date and provides me with a jolt of happiness in the good memories and thoughts of the people I hold in high regard. All great MOS and the almost impossible job we did. The good, funny and sometimes dangerous times. The fact that we all had the opportunity to get to know one another is what made Housing Cops what we are. Record Rumors means more to me than Spring 3100, DEAs Gold Badge and the FOPs Badge. It is written not by someone whose face is a blank but by those known personally by all who re-

ceive it and can identify with them fully, they are friends and colleagues".

Thanks Joe, it feels good to be appreciated.

GOOD NEWS ON HR218:

Thanks to Dewey Fong and Mike Lagiovane who made us aware that the Rockland County Police & Public Safety Academy is conducting the NYS DCJS,OPS handgun qualification course. According to Range personnel successful completion of that course fulfills all the requirements of HR218. Those interested should call that agency at 845 364 8700 for an appointment. They will send you all the paper work and information. You can

qualify with either a semi-automatic, a revolver or both. The cost is \$50 for one firearm or \$90 for the two. Good Luck.

MONEY MATTERS:

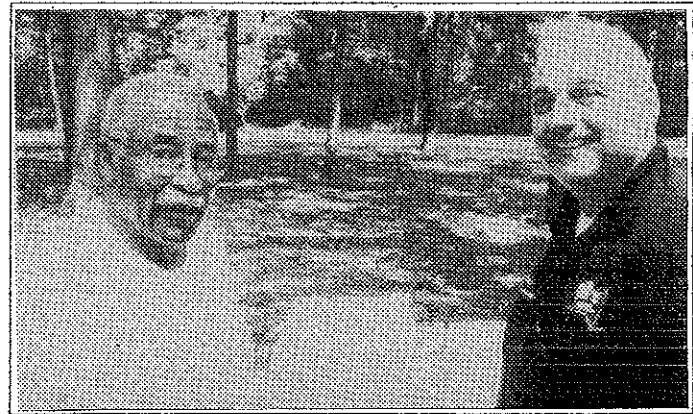
By now all you old folks should have received your Medicare reimbursement checks. If you didn't, make that call. I was surprised to hear that some retirees who have GHI are having health insurance premiums deducted from their checks. There's really no reason for this. Give me a call and I'll explain.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:

Lunch will be early again this year so as not to conflict with other holiday affairs. See flyer for date, time and place.



From Our Family Picnic - front row left to right - Bill Thomas and Nick DeStefano; rear left to right - Bob Goldman, our President, Andy Melillo, and Bill Caldwell



Also from the picnic - Bob Nero, and our new NYS FOP President, Charlie Caputo. More photos from the picnic will be found in the Winter issue of the newsletter.

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Elections Meeting

Our elections meeting will be held on Wed. November 1st, 2006, at 1230 hours, at the FOP Headquarters, located in Hicksville, NY. (Call me for directions - 631 543 1470.) This will be our most important meeting of the year because this is the meeting where we will decide who will lead our lodge for the next two years. All Executive Board positions will be up for election. The positions are: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, 4 Directors, Membership

Chair, and Secretary, shall be for a term of 2 years. In order to provide the membership with the greatest opportunity to seek one of the Board positions, requests for nominations need not be submitted before time in writing, but may be taken directly from the floor at the meeting. However, if you can't attend the meeting but wish to be considered for a position, you may sub-

mit a letter naming the position sought in lieu of personally appearing at the meeting. The letter should be sent to Pat Cirincione, Lodge Secretary, at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725. All such letters must be received by Oct. 31st. Any Active member wishing to be a candidate is urged to attend the meeting, or send in a letter. As usual, food and beverages will be served. Come on out and let your voice be heard. Fraternally, *Pat*

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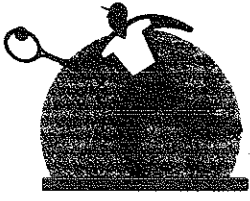
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CELEBRITIES

AMONG US Those of you who follow tennis and watched the recent US Open in Queens may be familiar with the name James Blake. What you may not know is that Mr. Blake has a connection with our lodge. No, James Blake, the number

1 ranked US tennis player, and Blake the tennis player is number 5 in the world is not our James Blake. Our James Blake is a little too old to be a professional tennis

player. However, James and Blake the tennis player is the grandson of our Jimmy Blake. So when you see our Jimmy Blake don't expect him to get you front row tickets to next years Open or to set you up with Anna Kornacovia. However, if your lucky, maybe his grandson can.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Each year we donate a \$250 scholarship to the NYS FOP Scholarship Program. All members with eligible children are allowed to apply. We are happy to announce that our scholarship winner for 2006 was Pamela Buckwalter, the daughter of retired member Mitchell Buckwalter. Good luck to Pamela in her studies. *The Executive Board*

HAVE YOU EVER LOCKED YOUR KEYS IN YOUR CAR?

If you lock your keys in your car and someone else has a spare set of keys available here's something you can try. Call the person who has access to the keys on your cell phone



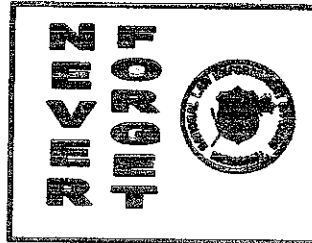
(almost everyone has a cell phone these days). Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the other person press the unlock button on the other remote while holding it close to the phone on their end. Your car door should unlock. Distance is no object as this is being done over the telephone. It's worth a try and could save someone from having to drive the extra set of keys to you. Note: Several people have tried it and it worked for them. Good luck. The Executive Board.

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STATE FOP CONFERENCE

On Sept. 25th, 2006, the NYS FOP held its biennial conference at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale, LI. Our lodge was represented by our full compliment of 10 delegates, and 1 lodge trustee. This conference was extremely important because our former President, Frank Ferreyra, elected not to run for reelection. Also, many of the other Executive Board positions were being contested. We evaluated all the candidates, and I'm happy to report that all those that we backed won. The new NYS FOP Executive Board is as follows:

- President - Charles Caputo
- Executive VP - Thomas Johnson
- 2nd VP - James Bosco
- Secretary - John Fitzpatrick
- Recording Secretary - Henry Leshnower
- Treasurer - Ross Paternostro
- Sgt at Arms - Joseph Bosco
- Sgt at Arms - Michael Essig
- Chair of Trustees - Thomas O'Brien



(Note: The Zone VP were elected by zone representatives.)

We extend our sincerest congratulations and pledge our support to the new Ex. Bd., and wish them well as they lead us for the next 2 years. And to Frank Ferreyra we say, it has been a privilege and honor to have worked with you for the past 8 years, and we add a heartfelt "thanks for a job well done." Good luck on any future endeavors you may pursue.



A LEGEND DIES

It is my sad duty to report the death of my friend and mentor, Henry Mulhearn. You young guys may not have known Mulhearn, but I'm sure all the old timers remember his. Mulhearn was in the NYPD, retiring as a captain in 1959. Before joining the PD, Mul had been a NYC school teacher, and after retiring he returned to the teaching business, but not back with the Bd. of Ed. Mul joined the old Delehanty Insti-promotion courses. Back in the ing comprehension, grammar, supervision, administration, law, all. Do you know what it's like cops English grammar and math

tute and was in charge of the police day police promotion tests had read-and graph questions in addition to and R&P's. And Mul taught it to try to teach a bunch of old hair bag for graph questions? The stunned look on our faces when he got to that part of the lesson clearly told the story. At first most of us didn't have a clue what he was talking about. But Mul loved a challenge and reveled in our success as 'his guys" moved up the promotion ladder. I can still see him up at the podium rolling his eyes and arching his eyebrows when he was making a point, or flicking ashes off of his imaginary cigar explaining when in his career he found out it was a bosses' job. Mul was probably the best teacher I ever had, and he was certainly the greatest motivator. So, so many of us owed our careers to him. It was my privilege to have been one of his success stories, and to have had him as a friend. Rest In Peace Old Friend!!! Pat



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PROMOTIONS

Former Members of the HPD continue to excel in the NYPD. Recent promotions include:

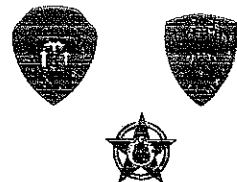
TO INSPECTOR Anthony Tria

TO DEPUTY INSPECTOR John Cosgrove

To all the promotees we say "Congratulations" and continued success in your careers. You make us all proud.

*Lodge Member

Note: If you are a member of our Lodge and we missed your promotion, let us know and we'll include you in a future newsletter.



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FLORIDA REUNION

It's time for the 2nd annual Florida re-union of the NYC Housing Police Department. Last years reunion was very successful. E-mails are still coming in about the wonderful time had by many of the participants. Once again the reunion is planned for a time when the 'northerners' could escape some of the harsh winter weather and enjoy a little Florida sunshine. The date for the reunion on Saturday the 10th February 9, 2007. This



year's reunion will not conflict with the Superbowl. The venue has not yet been finalized but will know that you are not obligated to fly. Amtrak has service from NYC to Orlando. It's a scenic way to go. And of course those members currently residing in Florida are most welcome to attend. There will be additional information in the next issue of the Record Rumors. For info please respond there will be additional activities on Saturday the 10th and possibly Sunday the 11th. Currently


Blue has a reasonable roundtrip airfare from JFK to Orlando that weekend. You should know that you are not obligated to fly. Amtrak has service from NYC to Orlando. It's a scenic way to go. And of course those members currently residing in Florida are most welcome to attend. There will be additional information in the next issue of the Record Rumors. For info please respond there will be additional activities on Saturday the 10th and possibly Sunday the 11th. Currently

Peggy McGuire at margaret@aol.com or Gordon Nash at Gnash100@aol.com

Dues Reminder

Just a reminder, 2007 dues are now being accepted. Renewal for active members is \$30; and for Associate Members it's \$35. New Active

*HAVE YOU
SENT IN YOUR
DUES YET??*

Membership is \$40, and New Associate Membership is \$45. (Note: New member fees include a one time \$10 administrative fee.) See insert  page



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