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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

TIME: 7:30 PM. DOORS WILL BE OPEN 7:00 PM

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# President's Message

Greetings All. Thanks for the wonderful turnout at our April meeting. Our attendance award was finally won by Sam Goldstein who is now \$140.00 richer. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018. We have some interesting speakers lined up to inform you including a medical marijuana company. You should particularly like this company because after all, many of you made quite a bit of overtime in the marijuana business! Another speaker will discuss treatments for swelling of feet due to diabetes, radiation, or surgery. If you or a family suffers from this issue make sure to attend the meeting and learn what you can. Finally a representative from Pacifica Assisted Living facility will be here to talk about her community. I will be hosting National Presidents meeting this month and I will report back to our membership at the June meeting what was discussed. If any of our members would like to attend the meeting with me just let me know and I'll make the arrangements. Hope to see you at the next meeting May 7th. John Caparosa, President

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# Secretary's Report

Report of PB 10-13 meeting 4/2/18

There were 49 members in attendance

President Caparosa opened the meeting with the Pledge and a prayer. President Caparosa thanked those who helped make the March 17 barbecue s success. President Caparosa spoke briefly about the NYPD Veterans Foundation scholarship that is available to graduating high school seniors. The application can be found in the newsletter. Treasurer Leo Itzkowitz was introduced and he gave his treasurers report and also asked our membership to reach out to some of our elderly members who have not yet paid their dues and have not responded to attempts to be contacted. President Caparosa introduced two new members, Michael and Mercedes Woods.

President Caparosa introduced Jackie from Dr. Stangers office. Dr. Stanger has been in practice for 37 years and operates 6 offices in the area including West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach. Dr. Stanger specializes in accident injury treatments, laser weight loss, and health and wellness. They have an orthopedic surgeon on staff for more serious cases. Dr. Stanger offers a 1/2 hour complimentary massage to any of our members, just call and make an appointment. 866-426-3876.

President Caparosa next introduced Rita Pinder from Legal Shield / ID Shield. ID shield will protect your entire family for identity theft with affordable identity theft protection. In the event a covered member's identity is compromised, Legal Shield will explain your rights and educate you on the restoration process. Legal Shield will continue the identity restoration until your identity is back to what it was before the fraud occurred. Aside from financial fraud/theft, medical fraud is gaining in popularity. People steal your medical identity and can change your vital information such as allergies and blood type that could be life threatening to you. For more information or to sign up for identity theft protection contact Rita Pinder at 561-723-0818.

President Caparosa next introduced Jim from Safe and Steady, a company that provides high quality personalized hands on care services to the elderly and physically challenged. Services include medication reminders, shopping and errands, housekeeping, mental stimulation, transportation to activities and appointments. For further information call Jim at 561-237-5252

President Caparosa next introduced Arnie Dansky from FOP Lodge NY3100. Arnie announced that their next meeting will be held 4/19 at the Boynton Beach PD FOP hall on Miner RD. Arnie stated that the jointly held picnic with the PB 10-13 club was a great success. Bobby Leupp spoke about the next Komedy night to be held 4/7 and the Nam Knights annual Rock and Roll Sunday will be held in May at Greenacres Park on Jog Rd.

There were three 50/50 winners of \$35 each:

Jim McGuinness, Bill Adragna, Ron King

The Attendance Award of \$140 was won by Sam Goldstein. Next months award will be \$10

Submitted by Gordon Nash, Secretary



#### Cop killer Herman Bell is a free man

Convicted cop killer and Black Liberation Army member Herman Bell walked out of prison a free man Friday afternoon after more than 40 years behind bars — despite fierce protests from the NYPD's largest union and the widow of one of his victims.

Bell, 70, left Shawangunk Correctional Facility in Wallkill, New York, just after 5 p.m. in a state corrections van. His release was not visible to the media.

Sources told The Post he is headed to Brooklyn.

The ex-gang member, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in prison, was convicted of ruthlessly murdering two NYPD officers in a 1971 ambush in Harlem. He lured the officers to a housing project under the guise of a domestic violence call and shot them from behind. Officer Joseph Piagentini was shot dozens of times as he screamed and begged for his life. His partner, Officer Waverly Jones, who was black, was shot four times.

Bell refused to show regret or remorse during the first 30 or so years of his 25-to-life sentence and insisted he was innocent and nothing more than a "political prisoner," even though witnesses and friends testified he openly bragged about the killing and the firearm used in the murders was found in his co-defendant's possession. Bell was first eligible for parole in 2004 but was consistently rejected for his lack of remorse. Finally, in 2012, Bell admitted to the parole board he played a part in the murders and said he's a "peaceful" man you'd want as a friend. They granted his release six years later amidst heated controversy during his eighth parole hearing in March.

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association on Friday slammed the decision and called on the New York State legislature and Gov. Andrew Cuomo to "fix the broken NYS Parole Board system." "The current parole process contains gigantic loopholes that allow murderous monsters like Herman Bell to game the system by concocting a phony story tailor-made for the new parole guidelines, which don't place enough weight on the nature of the crime," PBA President Patrick Lynch said in a statement. "To make matters worse, the courts seem to believe that politically-appointed parole board members have unbridled discretion to release criminals onto our streets and are completely immune from challenge by anyone, even when they disregard the law or the board's own procedures. That must change."

Diane Piagentini, the widow of Officer Joseph Piagentini, said in a statement "there are no word to describe our outrage and disappointment in Governor Cuomo."

"Governor Cuomo's parole board appointees have seen fit to release an individual who is intelligent enough to plan and execute both robberies and assassinations of police officers across the country. The parole board did not take into account his mental stability," the statement read.

"He is a planner and a manipulator, and he will persuade young people to his way of thinking – just like he manipulated the parole board to release him."

Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan also slammed Cuomo for allowing Bell's release, calling it a "slap in the face" to the victims. "[Bell] should never see the light of day," Flanagan said in a statement. "Our primary obligation as elected officials is to keep New Yorkers safe in their homes, on their streets, and in their communities. Instead, the Governor has put politics ahead of the public interest." A full panel of appellate judges will hear the motion to put Bell back behind bars on May 4, a week after his release.

#### 9/11 hero's daughter joins NYPD

In his final act of heroism before dying on 9/11, Officer Ramon Suarez helped a sevenmonths-pregnant woman escape the hellscape.

Suarez's impact continued to reverberate 16 years after his sacrifice, as his daughter was sworn in Thursday as a new NYPD recruit. "I'm pretty sure he's very proud of me," said Jillian Suarez, 25, after her class of 270 was sworn in at the Police Academy in College Point, Queens.

"I grew up with my father walking in and out of the house with his uniform constantly on, and I've always admired him for that."

The last time Ramon Suarez walked out of that door was Sept. 11, 2001, two days after Jillian turned 9. The 45-year-old Transit District 4 cop and his partner were stationed at the Delancey Street F-train station on that bright Tuesday morning when the first plane slammed into the north tower at 8:46 a.m.

After word broke of a second plane crashing into the south tower, the two commandeered a taxi and gunned it into the chaos.

Suarez ran into the north tower and carried to safety an asthmatic woman who was gasping for air after descending 49 flights of smoke-filled stairs.

Suarez ran in a second time, and offered a shoulder to pregnant Jyoti Vyas, escorting the IT worker to a makeshift first-aid center after her own grueling climb down from the 78th floor.

"I remember outside of the tower [Suarez] said, 'Do you need help?' My head was filled [with] thinking that I couldn't feel my baby move," Vyas told The Post by phone on Thursday.

"He brought me across the street to the triage center."

Suarez disappeared one more time into the flames, ash and twisted metal, never to be seen alive again. From Suarez's sacrifice came life, as two months later, Vyas gave birth to a healthy daughter, Shailaja, now 16.

That same month, then-NYPD Commissioner Bernard Kerik eulogized Suarez as young Jillian sat in the front row, clutching her hero dad's patrol hat.

"Ray Suarez loved this shield. He loved that uniform," Kerik said. "He did exactly what he would do every day — he represented the NYPD's best."

Now, Jillian Suarez is trying to represent that same best.

"[My father] has always called me his little girl, so I would definitely know for sure he is smiling down on me," said the newly minted probie, who aspires to work in forensics. Added Vyas, "I'm very proud of her. She's following in her father's footsteps. That's very commendable."

"I'm absolutely grateful [to the Ramon Suarez]. I'm very, very lucky I'm here to talk about this," said Vyas. "I'm profoundly grateful, and at the same time it's very sad. So many people and brave police officers and firefighters are not here."

#### Firefighter, Police Suicides Outpacing LODDs

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More and more firefighters are becoming aware of the potential mental health challenges they face because of their work, and statistics on suicides among first responders reveal a grim reality that requires a lot more attention.

According to a <u>report by USA Today</u>, a new study by the Ruderman Family Foundation—an organization that works for the rights of the disabled—took a look at depression and post-traumatic stress in first responders and the rates of suicide in public safety agencies nationwide.

The data in the report is striking. In 2017, there were 103 firefighters and 140 police officers who committed suicide, a figure which slightly outpaced the 93 firefighters and 129 police officers who died in the line of duty.

The study reveals that first responders are affected by PTSD at a rate five times greater than the average civilian.

Miriam Heyman, one of the co-authors of the study, said the reality may be even worse because the number of suicides is very under-reported.

"It's really shocking, and part of what's interesting is that line-of-duty deaths are covered so widely by the press but suicides are not, and it's because of the level of secrecy around these deaths, which really shows the stigmas," Heyman told USA Today.

Heyman says departments don't release information on suicides and that less than five percent of them have suicide prevention programs. The shame in opening up and talking about mental health issues among firefighters and police is also a large issue that is having a deadly effect.

"There is not enough conversation about mental health within police and fire departments," the study says. "Silence can be deadly, because it is interpreted as a lack of acceptance and thus morphs into a barrier that prevents first responders from accessing potentially lifesaving mental health services."

The report highlights ways to try and alleviate the problem such as peer-to-peer support groups, mental health check-ups and getting time off after responding to a traumatizing incident.

"Police and firefighters witness death and destruction daily," Heyman says. "It would be silly to think it wouldn't put a toll on them."

#### Police union fights to keep cops' disciplinary records under wraps

The police union won an emergency court order Wednesday blocking the mayor and the NYPD commissioner from posting summaries of police disciplinary records online — after arguing that the "illegal" move would endanger cops.

The department had planned to start releasing information about cops accused of misconduct as early as April 16, according to the Manhattan Supreme Court suit filed by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

"The demand for 'transparency' doesn't trump the law or the safety of New York City police officers," PBA president Patrick Lynch said.

The disclosures would omit cops' names but would include their rank, time on the job, prior disciplinary issues, departmental trial information and any penalties imposed, the suit says.

The PBA argues that the redacted summaries would not prevent people from identifying the officers in question as witnesses may recognize the cops and the summaries could be cross-referenced with public civilian complaints.

The PBA further argues that the postings would be illegal under a controversial 1976 state law called 50-a that makes all police personnel files private.

Critics say the law prevents accountability, while supporters counter that it's necessary to protect officers from harassment.

The mayor and police commissioner believe they can bypass that statute by summarizing or redacting portions of the records. But the PBA says the state's highest court deemed that type of workaround "illegal" as recently as last year.

"In addition to being plainly illegal, [their] conduct has real-life consequences for the more than 24,000 New York City police officers the PBA represents," the suit says, citing a recent botched plot to kill a cop with a mail bomb.

"The public release of the disciplinary record summaries endangers the life or safety of ... police officer[s]," the suit says.

Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron stopped disclosures pending a June hearing on the dispute.

Reps for the NYPD and the city did not immediately return requests for comment on the suit.

#### Son of police union boss Patrick Lynch named delegate at Queens precinct

A son of cop union head Patrick Lynch was tapped to be a delegate in his Queens precinct, setting the stage for the family to extend its run in the city's biggest police union.

A recently-transferred delegate at the 103th Precinct picked the son, also named Patrick, to fill his spot.

The younger Lynch, who joined the NYPD in 2012, will remain in that spot at least until next year, when elections are held.

His father by then will be finishing off his fifth four-year term as president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

He has not yet said if he will seek re-election, but several police sources said that if he did — and won — his son would likely also prevail.

"It looks like the Lynch name will continue," said one source.

"The guestion is what went on behind the scenes."

But a Lynch loyalist said there's no controversy.

"There were no rules broken," the loyalist said. "The son was picked by the outgoing delegate. He still has to run next year if he wants to remain a delegate."

A second Lynch son, Kevin, joined the NYPD in 2014.



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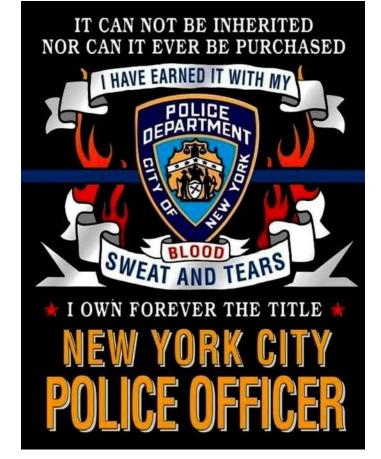
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#### **Death of SBA Member**

The SBA lost its oldest member, retired Sgt. Harold Tate, who passed away at 102 years old. Services were held for him at St. Albans Presbyterian Church in Queens. Sgt. Tate was appointed to the NYPD in 1942, promoted to Sergeant in 1959, and retired in 1966.

Sgt. Tate was a lifelong New Yorker who graduated from the prestigious Stuyvesant High School and served in the United States Army during World War II. His numerous commendations included the Philippines Liberation Ribbon, American Service Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. As an NYPD officer, he received commendations for, among other incidents, disarming a man who had just robbed a tavern in the 32 Precinct in 1952, and arresting three men who had just committed an armed robbery on Park Avenue in the 17 Precinct in 1960.

Shortly after his 100th birthday in 2015, Sgt. Tate turned out the third platoon in the 113 Precinct, where he resided for over 80 years. He was accompanied by his beloved wife Florine, to whom he was married for 66 years at the time of his passing. Sgt. Tate is survived by Florine, as well as a large tightknit family who revered him.

Sgt. Tate was a true American hero. He served his country, as well as his city, with great distinction. He was a remarkable man in ways too numerous to mention.

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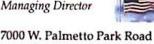


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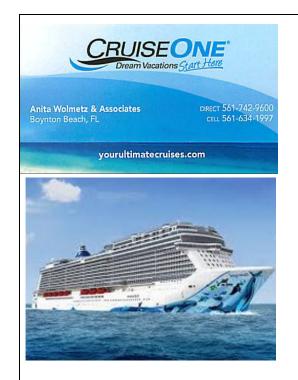


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perpetrator for a missed court appearance. Unknown to them, the suspect was also wanted on a parole violation. The suspect's girlfriend lied to officers and told them that her boyfriend was not home. Officer Mosomillo and his partner did not believe that lie and began searching the apartment with their guns drawn. When they entered a back room, the perpetrator lunged from a closet and attacked them. The perpetrator's girlfriend joined in the attack and knocked the gun from Officer Mosomillo's partner's hand. The perpetrator then picked it up and shot Officer Mosomillo in the neck. Despite being mortally wounded, Officer Mosomillo was able to shoot and kill the suspect before the suspect was able to shoot his partner.



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