

## JERRY SAPORITO SAYS GOOD-BYE WITH 400 FRIENDS

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For those of you who have been on some distant cruise for the past several weeks and have not picked up a newspaper, especially "The Chief", I'm sorry to inform you that the Uniformed Coalition is dead. No matter what you have read to date, the fact of the matter is that the president of the respected Uniformed Firefighters' Association is a defector, as well as a few more choice words. He was allowed to join our coalition after it was formed, despite many previous invites to join our group ignored.

When he finally woke up — or maybe saw a way to just deviously help himself — he requested to join the Coalition. I must say he was not greeted with open arms by all of the unions, but after much discussion, the vote was unanimous to have him join the Coalition because we felt it would be stronger with the UFA. Even after making a commitment to all of us that he was in it until the end. Unfortunately he showed his real colors. I'm not sure how or where he grew up, but where I grew up, and what I teach my children, is that your word is law. With that being said and the inability or desire to mention his name in our respected newsletter, we are moving forward with our own negotiations — alone. I will keep you up to date as more details materialize.

As we move forward during our first "Non-Night Plow" season under our new contract language, I want to thank our Business Agents for their untiring effort in making sure that the Boros they are responsible for worked within our language parameters. This was a tremendous feat for us as well as for the Department. Now it's up to each and every one of us to see that there are no errors in the assigning of equipment during these night shifts. I strongly recommend that everyone reread the new language and make sure you understand it. If you have any questions, ask your Business Agent. If you know or even think that there is a violation going on, bring it to your Shop Steward, Boro Delegate or Business Agent immediately.

As I said at the April membership meeting, I will not allow anyone to violate this new language — not even a brother/sister member. It is imperative for us all to be diligent, especially our District Superintendents who leave orders for these pieces of equipment. Don't be afraid to inform the Boro if there seems to be an error in the number being assigned. Don't be intimidated to report a violation to your Business Agent. He will be as discreet as possible, if needed, to correct the problem.

I informed you of the retirement of our lobbyist Floyd Holloway at the beginning of this year. Even though he has, is still a friend to this membership. His guidance and wisdom have been immeasurable. I am happy to announce the hiring of our new lobbyist, Bing Markee, effective May 1, 2007. His resume is long and impressive. Bing recently retired from the Port Authority Police Department after 35 years of service. He served on the Executive Board of the PAPBA as an elected official for more than 27 years, including a full term as its president; currently serves as Vice President At-Large for the National Association of Police Organizations; lobbies, pro bono publico, for the Vietnam Veterans of America NYS Council; is Legislative Committee Chairman of the NYS Public Employees Conference; and is the Legislative Director and Chair of the Legislative Committee of the NYS Association of PBAs. Bing enlisted in the US Marine Corps, served in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged. He holds a baccalaureate degree from SUNY's Empire State College, with a major in Labor Studies. I look forward to working with Bing to accomplish our many goals of securing benefits through Legislation for our Active and Retired members. I ask you to join me in welcoming Bing to our family.

Currently, we are preparing for new grievances against the Department for violations they are enacting against us. We will try to discuss and negotiate an amicable solution before any grievance is enacted, but we will be prepared to do what is in the best interest of our membership. We have just received a decision from an arbitrator on our "15 minute on a Chart Day" grievance, or what I respectfully call our "Schmittau Grievance". Let's just say that we are five for five in grievances against the Department. It would be nice to have half of this success in our endorsements of politicians, but if I had to make a choice I would hands down chose our

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grievance wins. This grievance was enacted when they gave a complaint to one of our Supervisors (John Schmittau) for being late on his Chart. After many discussions with the Department we got our usual answers - "No" and "Do what you have to do." We did, we grieved it — and yes, we finally won!

It will most likely be appealed, but we are very confident that we will win due to the arbitrator's very strong deposition in our favor. This is a tremendous win for us and for the upcoming round of negotiations, as it's worth a lot of money. Once the decision is finalized, it means our members will not be required to be in 15 minutes before the start of their shift on their chart day. When we have this grievance finalized, a financial award will be put in our Active Member Security Benefits Fund, since it only affects those members. More info will follow as it becomes available.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable summer. Enjoy the warm weather and take some time to relax with family and friends.



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## A Heart Felt Thanks

I'd like to thank all of you who have taken the time out to wish me a fond farewell. Whether your thoughts were expressed through phone calls, personal visits or messages given through the guys in the hall, I sincerely appreciate them.

I especially would like to thank all those who took the time out of their busy lives to attend my April 26th retirement party. Words cannot explain my deep satisfaction of being acknowledged as a co-worker, boss, union representative and most of all plain old Jerry.

While now retired, I hope to see you in future joyous occasions. Sincerely,

Jerry Saporito



































#### MIKE BONFIGLIO Ret. 2004 BX Boro

#### Dear Joe:

I just wanted to say thank you for the announcement you put in the Unity news of the birth of my first granddaughter. I will send you a photo shortly. Also for the note to let (our) retirees know about our weekly golf get together. I have received a call from a retiree (Supv. Jay Berletti Bx4) who will be joining us this season. We hope (for) a few more.

I want to also say thank you for the new contract agreement. I know it wasn't easy, but after being retired now for 2 ½ years, I was very pleased to receive that back pay check in the mail. Great job Joe and thanks again very, very much.

#### Dear Joe & Guys,

I'm on vacation in Puerto Rico and staying at the Embassy Suites. Free breakfast and happy hour everyday makes this a perfect place for the S.S. Convention.

Regards to all,

Jose Cruz M6 Shop Steward

# M<u>ember</u> LETERS

#### Gentlemen,

I hope this finds you well. I am finally getting around to sending a note. Someone once said "If it weren't for the last minute, very little would ever get done." Truer words were never spoken. Since I don't have lots of deadlines, basically I don't do s\_\_\_\_\_. I highly recommend it. As a survivor of many years in the 8/4 garage slot, I must admit that I have not updated the snow screen for quite some time! We don't plow a lot of blacktop here in Hawaii. As a bonus, there is very little plow to repair.

The other day the NASDAQ closed up 444 and the cruise that I booked for my 35th anniversary was offered at a discount because I am a retired union member. These were clear signs that I had to make room in my busy schedule to write and ask for an information packet regarding benefits that I may entitled. Many moons ago Joe told me to make a written request but it got lost in the sauce. Did I mention my busy, busy schedule??? Anyway, please send it because I am long overdue for dental and eye exams.

You can mention to the guys that Norwegian Cruise Lines will give them a break. It's about \$100 off for my trip. I think the Norwegian Dawn sails out of the City so you can save on airfare as well. Who can't use a good deal?

Thanks a Be Well,

Ken Beachley (Badge #1972, 7/8/85), Ret. 2003

Dear President Mannion,

My name is Edward Fennell, Retired 1978 as a Snow Superintendent Queens East. I look forward to receiving our "In Unity" and marvel at the accomplishments under your leadership that Local 444 have achieved since my retirement.

I not only enjoy reading the updates and letters from retirees but when I read the names I feel a nostalgia, as over the years, as I had occasion to come in contact with many of those names during my many years as a detailed clerk for some of the Chiefs at 125 Worth Street. To name a few, Joe Hayden, Frank Lucia, Jack Trainor, Augustine Ferretti, Bob Lane and Joe Lennon.

I respectfully request my personal information be listed in the "Be In Touch" directory.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Fennell Ret. 1978

#### Hello Joe,

I saw this article in Barbara Clark's newsletter in December 2006 and thought you might want to put it in the *In UNITY* newsletter. You guys are doing a good job, keep up the good work.

Adolphus (Al) Donoghue, QSA

#### New York State Security Freeze Law Prevents Identity Theft

Beginning in November 2006 you have a new option to help prevent someone from stealing your identity and/or viewing your credit history. For no additional charge, NYS residents can place an initial Security Freeze on their credit report with all three of the major credit reporting agencies: TransUnion, Experian and Equifax. The freeze prevents lenders from gaining access to your credit report for review prior to granting a new line of credit. Your ability to borrow money or get a new credit card will be limited unless you temporarily lift or permanently remove the Security Freeze. You can still obtain a copy of your credit report from each agency whether or not the Security Freeze is in effect.

For more information on the Security Freeze Law, go to the New York State Consumer Protection Board's website: www.consumer.state.ny.us To obtain a copy of your credit report (a free copy is available from each of the credit reporting agencies every 12 months) go to https://www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Hearing impaired consumers can access via TDD service at 1-877-730-4104.

(Thanks Al. For those living out of NY, go to your state's official website and try your consumer affairs site. If that doesn't work, contact your elected official and find out why you don't have this benefit. -JM)

## About Our MEMBERS

#### In Memoriam:

| Richard McCarthy (Ret. 1979)10/27/06   |
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| Ronald Del Rosario (Ret. 1990)11/18/06 |
| Dominic Corcillo (Ret. 1976)2/9/07     |
| Thomas Chayka (Ret. 1978)3/9/07        |
| Louis J. Padovano (Ret. 1983)3/11/07   |
| Clement Pallotto (Ret. 1975)3/22/07    |
| Patrick Termine (Ret. 1994)4/1/07      |
| Nicholas Rocco (Ret. 1972)4/5/07       |
| Dominick Viggiano (Ret. 1976)4/10/07   |
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#### In Memoriam Family/friends:

| Supv. Robert Casanovas   |   |
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| SOA EB Supv. Rep/BA  | Father  |
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| Supv. Robert Lancelot, M7  | Father  |
| Supv. Michael Hunter, BX4  | Mother  |
| Supt. Roger Leahy, Q11   | Father  |
| Supv. Donald Marcucci, SI2   | Mother  |
| Supv. Richard Wenzel, QW4  | Mother  |
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### Serving America:

<u>Members on Active Duty</u> Supv. Larry Brown, M3 Supv. Curtis Johnson. BK18 Supv. Howard Orama, SI3 Supv. James Egan — SI2 (Son) LC Anthony J. Egan (MCAS, S. Carolina) (Back from Iraq)

Due to space constraints, the Retiree Directory was eliminated from this edition of In UNITY. It will return in the Fall. Please send your information to the Union office if you'd like to be listed.

#### Retiring Members:

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| Supv. James DeNorio, SI23/1/07       |
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| Supv. Joseph Darrigo, Exp            |
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| Supt. Anthony George, QW4/1/07       |
| Supv. Thomas Moricone, BXLCU4/1/07   |
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| Supv. Zelig Wexler, BX8-EB           |
| Supv. Rep                            |
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Supv. Tim Walsh assigned to QE14, is the proud father of Daniel (2) and Ryan (1). They are joined by their sisters Kaitlyn (17), Meghan (17) and big brother James. James is a sanitation worked assigned to the Queens Broom Depot.

Support Our Retiree Organizations





## JUNE

- 14 Union Meeting (Active Only)
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Begins

## JULY

### NO UNION MEETING

4 Independence Day

## <u>AUGUST</u>

NO UNION MEETING

## **SEPTEMBER**

3 Labor Day

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- Union Meeting (Active Only)
- 9 Grandparent's Day
- 13 Rosh Hashana

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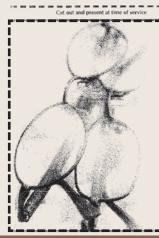
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Don't worry! You didn't miss the April-May edition of In **UNITY.** That edition was combined with this one due to scheduling issues. We will return to our regular bimonthly schedule in the fall. Have a good summer.

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