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JERRY SAPORITO SAYS GOOD-BYE WITH 400 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



FERRY RETIRES

Congratulations

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Member LETTERS

Member E-MAILS

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.

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)

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

About Our MEMBERS



In Memoriam:

Richard McCarthy (Ret. 1979).....10/27/06
 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
 Dwight Smith (Ret. 1994)5/4/07
 Lawrence Pelosa (Ret. 2005).....5/5/07
 Joseph Russo (Ret. 1995).....5/14/07
 Frank Laricchia (Ret. 1978)5/22/07
 Ret. A/C Carmine Procida.....4/10/07

In Memoriam Family/friends:

Supv. Robert Casanovas
 SOA EB Supv. Rep/BA.....Father
 Supv. Gerry Frangatos, BX1Mother
 Supv. Robert Lancelot, M7.....Father
 Supv. Michael Hunter, BX4Mother
 Supt. Roger Leahy, Q11Father
 Supv. Donald Marcucci, SI2.....Mother
 Supv. Richard Wenzel, QW4Mother
 Supv. Donald Marcucci, SI2..Mother-in-Law
 Supv. Robert Sugrue, BK15Mother
 Supv. Dave Kirchien, QE13Mother
 Supv. Thomas O'Brien, BICFather
 Supv. Dennis McGolgan, QE13Sister
 Supv. Alex Belashuk, BKS16Brother
 Ret. Supv. James CioffiMother
 E.A. Thomas Milora.....Wife

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Members on Active Duty

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)

Retiring Members:

Supv. James DeNorio, SI2.....3/1/07
 Supt. Joseph Santanastaso, BKN3/1/07
 Supv. Dominic Bonomonte, M4.....3/4/07
 Supv. Thomas Fitzgerald, BOO.....3/13/07
 Supv. Gary Guardino, Q123/21/07
 Supv. Joseph Darrigo, Exp3/31/07
 Supv. Russell Finkelson, M23/31/07
 Supt. Joseph Douse, Manh.....4/1/07
 Supt. Anthony George, QW.....4/1/07
 Supv. Thomas Moricone, BXLUCU...4/1/07
 Supv. Gilbert Nieves, BK44/1/07
 Supv. Zelig Wexler, BX8-EB
 Supv. Rep.4/1/07
 Supv. David Roberts, Q124/10/07
 Supv. Daniel Brown, BX4.....4/21/07
 Supt. Saverno Anastasio, BKS.....4/27/07
 Supv. Gerard Attilio, BK24/30/07
 Supv. Gerard Denver, BK154/30/07
 Supv. Francis Walsh, BK184/30/07
 Supv. John Yalango, SI14/30/07
 Supv. Henry Felder, Q135/1/07
 Supv. Kenneth Hegel, Q25/1/07
 Supv. Philip Kelvin, M8.....5/1/07
 Supv. Lawrence Brown, M35/15/07
 Supv. Carmello DiBenedetto,
 BK125/31/07
 Supt. Richard Guttieri, BKS5/31/07
 Supv. Dodrick Banton, BK146/1/07



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 worker assigned to the Queens Broom Depot.

Hold The DATE

JUNE

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

JULY

- NO UNION MEETING
- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST

NO UNION MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 6 Union Meeting (Active Only)
- 9 Grandparent's Day
- 13 Rosh Hashana
- 14-16 Shop Steward's Convention (Invitation Only)

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.

Support Our Retiree Organizations



Dear Members,

We are pleased to inform you that General Vision Services will continue to provide an expanded, quality eye care benefit to all eligible members and their covered dependents of the Sanitation Officers Local 444 Active and Retiree.

General Vision Services (GVS) will offer, at no charge to you or your eligible dependents, a complete pair of eyeglasses with a retail value frame value of up to \$150. In addition, you may receive lenses in single vision, bifocals, blended bifocals, trifocals, cataract, safety and over-size lenses with a cosmetic or sunglass tint and UV coating included. Contact lenses are also included (in lieu of eyeglasses).

General Vision Services, "The Optical Company with the Union Label", is endorsed by the New York State AFL-CIO, the Long Island Federation of Labor, and the New York City Central Labor Council as the "Preferred Optical Provider" for the New York Metropolitan Area

in addition, for a limited period of time, GVS has enclosed a \$100.00 GVS "Bonus Check", that can be used towards an additional pair of eyeglasses! Member who have lost or broken your eyeglasses, or who would like to purchase a second pair, or for a family member not eligible for the benefit, can apply this "Bonus Check" toward their purchase.

We urge you to care for your eyes properly. Contact General Vision Services for your professional eye care needs.

Fraternally,

Sanitation Officers
Board of Trustees

Acct #7538/7539

A Brief NOTE

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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\$100 GVS BONUS CHECK
TO BE USED TOWARDS AN ADDITIONAL PAIR OF EYEGLASSES
For Sanitation Officers Members

This \$100 GVS gift check, can be used for family members not eligible for the benefit or for eligible members purchasing a second pair of eyeglasses or prescription sunglasses. Minimum purchase must be \$150, and cannot be combined with vouchers or any other offers, sales and specials. This is not redeemable for cash.

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