# The Suffolk County Police ALUMNI NEWS

**Fall 2017** 



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### **Active Member Death Benefit**

The Board is pleased to announce that effective **January 1**<sup>st</sup> **2018**, the Active Member Death Benefit will be increased to \$300.00. Additionally, starting **January 1, 2018**, certified **20/30 EXEMPT** members will no longer be required to submit the previously assessed \$10.00 annual fee to the death benefit fund to be eligible. 2018 dues notices will be in the mail shortly.

#### **Holiday Events**

I am pleased to announce that we have formalized plans for the Third Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon on December 28, 2017. We have returned to the Majestic Gardens as requested by our members. Please see the flyer and reservation form on our website (www.scpdalumni.com) and in this newsletter. Please reserve early so we can accommodate everyone.

I am also pleased to announce that the Hernando County Alumni Group will host a Holiday Luncheon and Christmas Doo Wop Show at the Show Palace Theater, Hudson Florida on 12/20/2017. We have been able to reserve seats for this usually sold out performance. An early response is requested. See more information on our website (www.scpdalumni.com).

#### **Printed Newsletter**

We do not forward a printed copy of the newsletter to those we can reach electronically (e-mail). This is much more cost effective for our organization. If you do not have an e-mail address, we will continue to mail a printed copy. Members can request a preference for a hard copy by contacting the duty desk at 352 -345-1778.

Once again we need to remind our New York based members to be sure to Vote NO for the Constitution Convention amendment. This disastrous issue is being pushed by the current Governor. He is looking to raid our pension fund to balance his budget.

I am saddened to report the passing of Marge McCue, beloved wife of longtime Board member Warren McCue. Both Marge and Warren were part of the founding members of the SCPD Alumni Association twenty-seven years ago. They will both be remembered in our prayers.

Fraternally, Jack Scott President, SCPD Alumni

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2018 DUES WITH ANY CHANGES IN YOUR PERSONAL DATA AND THE BENEFICIARY FORM

#### VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the end of this long hell of a summer, which caused a lot of bad weather and a lot of hardships for many people and a political nightmare. Most important for you members that are still living in New York or have relatives living in the State, please advise them to vote **NO** to the amendment reference convening constitution convention next year on the November Election

Ballot. If this amendment is passed, the governor has said that he wants to make changes to the NYS Retirement System, which will include the teachers and the NYC police and fireman's systems. We retirees can't afford to take a chance with his reputation that his changes would be good for us retirees.

I want to thank the numerous members that have sent information reference the Alumni MIAs. Keep the information coming.

While I was on the Island for the summer I attended numerous police events but didn't see many retirees. I attempted numerous times to meet with the PBA president to talk about the relationship between our two organizations. I finally met with the PBA political director Robert Cappadona. He stated he had very little knowledge about the Alumni. I informed him about the PBA's lack of communication, recognition and some other concerns that we have reference our two organizations. He stated he would inform the PBA board of the issues. I informed him that I was putting his e-mail address on the F2 and the Alumni newsletter list.

I will be hosting the Alumni's 2017 Mobilization (Luncheon) at the Majestic Gardens, Rocky Point, on December 28th at 12:00 hours. Please join us and enjoy old friends, good food, and by attending, you will be supporting the Alumni Scholarship Fund. See the flyer included in this newsletter and make a reservation ASAP because space is limited.

This month is dues collecting month and you will be receiving a dues notice and a return envelope. Please fill out the form with changes in your personal information. Read the changes reference member status and the amount of dues that will be due.

I have run out of things to write about, so I will close with my hope that everyone will have a wonderful holiday season and, most importantly, keep beating the system by getting those checks.

Fraternally Yours, Ron Aimes Vice President/ Membership

## **Snow Birds**

Please notify Ronnie Aimes of address change by e-mail Raims@tampabay.rr.com
Or call him at 352-688-8363.



#### TREASURER REPORT

Hi everyone
The Alumni has the following money in our accounts:
Benefit Fund \$48,516.66
Special Events \$2,653.67
Scholarship \$6,115.63 with one left to pay for 2017

Fraternally Yours,

Ted Wojciechowski



From The Editor:

My thanks to Doug Rilling for the Alumni Brain Teaser on page 8. The answer is on page 15.

And that's about all from me. For a change, I have nothing else to say. People who know me won't believe it, but it's true. There were no visitors to Port Saint Lucie, so I don't have any pictures to put in the newsletter. Maybe now that "season" is almost here, we'll have more visitors. So, if you're in the area, please get in touch with me for lunch/picture shoot. (772-344-8136) Eilcal@aol.com.

Bob Sievers, S.C.P.D. Alumni Board Member, reports he went to the RDA meeting last night (9/12/2017) and they brought up the issue of the health insurance article. According to Paul Desert, who chaired the meeting, he went to the SDA meeting earlier in the week and it was "clearly" laid out that the proposed changes will **not affect** current retirees. Those who have not yet retired may be affected. That is all there is for now.

#### **New Retirees**

Vincent Alese Michael Axelson Robert Bennett **Todd Bradshaw** James Brosco Elizabeth Butcher Anthony Carella Jiian Chapoteau Brendan Costello Douglas Cota **Thomas Crist** Steven DiScala Rita Engels Robert Fagerlund Terrence Fanning Robert Femia

Troy Gibson
Leonard Glover
Todd Gluthy
Richard Klages
Gregory Link
Daniel Lynch
Brian MacDermott
Michael Mahan
Richard Manger
Kathleen McGowan
Anthony McNamara
William Murphy
John O'Brien
Nicholas Occhino
Cindy Olsen

Nancy Paul
Mark Piotrowski
Kenneth Ripp
Charles Scharff
Ronald Schoelermann
Patrick Scognamiglio
Anthony Sepe
David Speciale
Joseph Suarez
Michael Tannenbaum
Scott Triolo
Armando Valencia
James Walker
David Weymouth

Kevin O'Shea

#### SCPD Alumni Assoc. Dues Notification 2018

Please find enclosed a membership form along with the 2018 dues notice for members. All members are asked to complete the enclosed form with your contact. All SCPD retirees are members of our organization without costs. Those who wish to assist us in our endeavors' on behalf of our fellow retirees or wish to be eligible for selected benefits are asked to contribute annual dues of \$25.00. These members are designated as ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Exemptions

Associate Members are eligible for all benefits except the death bene. The annual dues is \$25.00 Surviving Spouses who received the death benefit are eligible for all benefits except the death benefit. The annual dues are \$15.00 Spouses who didn't received death benefit are eligible for benefits and dues are \$25.00 Exemptions Certificate Holders 20/30 & 20/40 members are exempt from all dues.

Any additional money received will be donated to the SCPD Jack Isabel Barry Scholarship Fund.

#### 2018 Dues Invoice Card

Members Name	<u>DOB</u>
Address	
Phone ()	
Cell ()	
E-M Address	
Members Signature	Date
Please Print Legibly	

## **Third Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon**

Where: Majestic Garden's, 420 Route 25A, Rocky Point, NY 11778
When: Thursday, December 28, 2017
Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The cost for attendance for the Alumni holiday luncheon is \$20.00 for Active Alumni members and \$35.00 for guests. A portion of these fees collected will be allocated to the Alumni's *John & Isabelle Barry Scholarship Fund*. In 2016, this fund issued ten (10) \$1000 scholarships to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of our members.

Please send your reservation form and check payable to the SCPD Alumni Association **ASAP** as we are expecting a large turnout. Space may be limited. Please refer any questions to the Alumni Duty Desk at 352-345-1778.

## Third Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

Please reserve seats at the Mobil	ization Buffet Luncheon for:
Member's name	
Guest's Name	<b>@</b> \$35.00
<del></del>	Total Due
(Cash bar wi	ll be available)
Please make your check payable	to SCPD Alumni Association

mail to;

SCPD Alumni PO Box 5998 Spring Hill, FL 34611 and

#### FIFTH PRECINCT ALUMNI LUNCHEON

June 2017



Clockwise (from left)
Ron Aimes, Harold (Sonny Costorf),
John Luciano, Fred Hergott,
Lou Martin, Frank Bacile,
Robert Koerber, Gene DeMott,
Robert Freudenberg, James Woods,
Daniel Stannard

#### HIGHWAY PATROL BUREAU LUNCHEON

June 2017

Left to Right, Standing:



Gary Foerster, Louie Lupo, Jerry Lombardo, Joe Guggino, Ken Murtha, Frank Stuart, Artie Johnson, Brian Connelly, Dave Cafarella, Ron Cammarata

Left to Right Second Row: George Trksak, Walter Fuhrmann, Michael Hermanek

Sitting: Bill Treubig

#### REFLECTIONS

By Tony Puzzo

The kiddies are returning to school, my three grandboys are already in school for weeks, football season is around the corner, can't wait. However, can do with out all the "disrespecting" our flag and National Anthem by over-payed athletes...nuff said.

Hopefully everyone survived the hot summer. Unfortunately, several of my friends did not, as I learned of the passing of "Big" George Williams (Sergeant), we worked in the First Precinct together, as he joined the Department in 1967. He made Sergeant in 1978 and went to the Second Precinct. RIP pal. Also leaving us was Bobby Soldon (Detective, Fifth Squad), a classy guy and one helluva golfer. George Davies (Third Squad), spent his summer in WORC in West Sayville. If this is unknown to you, it's West Oakdale Recreation Camp, a private location On Montauk Highway and with a large shore line on the Great South Bay. Heard from Gerry Kirk who was looking for an auto transport company to transport his "older Mercedes" from Naples, Florida (his winter abode) to Sayville. I hooked him up with Warren McCue (Third Precinct) and Arty Eggling (Fourth Squad), who both live in that area. Hope it worked out. Gerry went on to advise he was celebrating his 20th Anniversary with his wife, Margaret, with whom he worked in the 5th. I understand John Newton (Fourth Squad) is improving on his health situation, happy to report. Several members of our Department have made generous financial contributions to the Retired Police Association of New York as follows: Daniel Mulhearn, Al Hobbs, Superior Officers Association, Desmond Desilva, Edwin Simmons, Sidney Cymbalsky, Frank Stuart, Ray Blasko, and Sheryl Heather in memory of her father, John Heather. Nice job, people.

Hoping with the new year I will hear from some of you out there with some items of interest concerning yourself or another member of our Department, either active or retired. Again, kindly keep our soldiers and members of the "first due" in your prayers. Remind any friends or relatives still on Long Island or anywhere in New York to vote "NO" on the forthcoming issue on the ballot, as it relates to our pensions.

God Bless and be well.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Puzzo antnypz@gmail.com

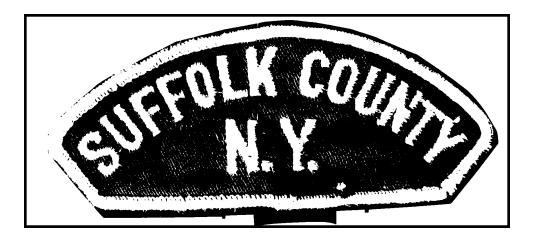
#### ALUMNI BRAIN TEASER

This Brain Teaser focuses around the shoulder patch pictured below.

The Question:

Which year was this shoulder patch introduced and how long was it worn by the men and women of the Suffolk County Police Department?

- A. Introduced in 1968, worn for five years.
- B. Introduced in 1972, worn for three years.
- C. Introduced in 1978, worn for seven years.
- D. Introduced in 1980, worn for two years.



Answer On Page 15.

## **Luncheon & Doo Wop Christmas Show**

The S.C.P.D. Alumni, Hernando County Group, wishes to announce that it is hosting a Luncheon and Doo Wop Christmas Show for S.C.P.D. Alumni members on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at the Show Palace Theater located in Hudson, Florida.

#### **Details**

**When:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017

**Time:** 11:30 A.M.

Where: Show Palace Theater, 16128 US 19, Hudson Florida (Located on the East side of US 19 North of Bayonet Point, FL SR 52 and South of Countyline Road, Spring Hill Florida)

Buffet Luncheon Included - Cash Bar Available

The cost will be \$25.00 for active Alumni members and \$49.00 for spouse or guests, payable in advance only. Tickets will <u>not be</u> available at the door. This show is extremely popular and sells out early.

Early reservations are suggested to assure you will be seated with our group.

## **Reservations For Doo Wop Christmas Show**

Name:			
Address			
City/ST/Z	ip		
Member:	\$25.00	Number	Amount
Guests	\$49.00	Number	Amount
		Tota	al Amount Due \$

Please make your check payable to SCPD Alumni Association Send to PO Box 5998, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 If you have any questions, you can contact Bob Sanchez, Event Coordinator, 352-346-2570 Or the Alumni Duty Desk at 352-345-1778

#### **APPLICATIONS**

#### are invited for the position of

#### POLICE PATROLMAN

## Of the Village of Patchogue

Three appointments will be made as a result of an open competitive examination.

Applications must be in by September 28th, 1956

For information, call or write:

VILLAGE MANAGER 14 Baker Street Patchogue, New York Grover 5-4300

#### WHAT IS THE 20/20 CLUB?

There are two ways in which you can be recognized for membership in the SCPD Alumni Association's 20/20 Club.

- 1. 20 years of service and the completion of 20 years of retirement.
- 2. 20 years or less due to a service related disability and the completion of 20 years retirement.

Certificates are only issued to active dues paying members who meet the above requirements and request membership in the 20-20 Club and complete the following application.

Note: Annual dues are still due after becoming a 20-20 Club Member.

#### 20/20 CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Questions or if you need additional information call me at 561-747-1540

6109 WINDING LAKE DR

**JUPITER, FLORIDA 33458** 

#### WHAT IS THE 20/30 CLUB?

There are two ways in which you can become a member of the SCPD Alumni Association's 20/30 Club.

- 1. Minimum of 20 years of service and completion of 30 years retirement.
- 2. 20 years or less due to a service related disability and completion of 30 years retirement.

A 20/30 membership certificates will be issued to an Alumni member who request and qualify as paying their dues consecutively for (3) or more years. Once you become a member of the 20/30 Club you will no longer be required to pay yearly dues. However, if you want to keep up your Alumni death benefit a \$10.00 yearly payment must be sent to the SCPD Alumni Assoc. at P.O. Box 5998, Spring Hills, Florida 34611 by Jan. 1st of each year.

You may apply anytime during a calendar year, but the ceasing of the \$15.00 annual dues will begin on Jan. 1st of the following year in which you became a member of the 20/30 Club.

#### 20/30 CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to apply for membership and receive a certificate from the 20/30 Club. Certificates are issued once a year at a time designated by the Alumni's Board of Directors.

Please Print or type.

Name:		DOB:	
Nam	ne you wish to appear on certificate		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Tel:	E-Mail:		
Appointment Date:	Retirement D	ate:	
Dept:	Command:	Rank:	

#### Mail your completed application to:

#### RAY RUSSELL - 6109 WINDING LAKE DR., - JUPITER, FLORIDA 33458

\*\*PLEASE, do not send any DUES or LIFE Ins. money to Ray Russell.\*\*

Questions or if you need additional information call me at 561-747-1540 TO ALLOW FOR PRINTING, ANY QUALIFIED 20/30 CERTIFICATE APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 31<sup>5T</sup> WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.



Applicant:

## SCPD Alumni Association P.O. Box 5998 Spring Hill, FL. 34611 352-345-1778

#### John L. & Isabel Barry Scholarship Fund Application

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- 1. Applicant must be the child, stepchild, grandchild or great grandchild of an active member. Active member is described as a member who has paid annual dues for three consecutive years, exempt member or recent retirees, who have paid dues. but retired less than three years ago.
- 2. Applicant must be attending or planning to be attending an institute of higher learning after high school such as a two or four year college within 12 months of this application. This includes post graduate schools.
- 3. Only one entry per student. Scholarship winners may not reapply for three years after date of award.
- 4. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the those selected, after submission of course completion submitted **prior to January 15<sup>th</sup>** of the year following the award date.
- 5. Applications must be submitted by March 1st each year to be considered for the lottery drawing.

  All eligibility, applications and awards are subject to approval by The SCPD Alumni

## Please Print All Information clearly

Last name	First	
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	E-Mail	
I am attending or	intend to attend (college name	e):
Signature		
Sponsoring Member (p	orint):	
		grandchild)

#### Mail completed application to: SCPD Alumni Scholarship Committee

SCPD Alumni Association Scholarship Committee PO Box 5998 Spring Hill, FL 34611

**Your support is needed:** The Alumni asks each member to consider a \$5.00 donation annually to this worthwhile cause. Make your checks payable to the SCPD Alumni and submit to the Alumni address above.

P.O. Box 5998 Spring Hill, FL. 34611

#### SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE ALUMNI QUARTERMASTER ORDERING FORM

		Quant	ty Price Each	Total
Alumni Mailing / E-Mail List			\$15.00 Book	
Type of List:Paper – BookletCD			\$10.00 CD	
Type of List ape. Boomet		-	··········	
SCPD Alumni Caps				
Color:Beige (NEW Embroidered)			\$12.50	
White or Blue (OLD Style)		-	\$ 9.00	
SCPD Alumni T-Shirts			\$10.00	
COLOR:WHITETAN			2 FOR \$17	
SIZE: SmMedLarge x-Large	xx-Large			
"IRON-ON" PATCH (2 ½" X 3") Embroidered			\$9 + \$1 shippi	ng
SCPD Alumni Golf Shirt				
Color: Ash Dark Blue			\$17.00 ea	
SIZE: SmMedLarge x-Large	xx-Large		2 for \$30	
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Ceramic 15 oz Coffee Mug (white with color patcl	h Insignia)		\$14.75	
SCPD Alumni License Plate Frame			\$ 7.50	
SCPD Alumni Refrigerator Magnet			\$5 + \$1 shipp	oing
SCPD Alumni Jacket with Embroidered Patch			\$60 + \$7 ship	ping
Embroidered Name or Command			\$ 5 extra Emb	
PRINT CLEARLY				
SIZE: SmMedLarge x-Large			A	
ADD	\$5 FOR xx-Larg	ge & xxx-Large	\$5 Extra	
Note: UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE STANDARD SH ORDERS OVER \$30 ANY QUESTIONS regarding placing an order, call to MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SCPD ALUMNI ASSO Mail Order To: Quartermaster, P O Box 5998, Spr	the Quarterr	master at 516-4		\$15 FOR
NAME		ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
ALL PROFITS GO TO SUPPORT THE SCPD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### **Answer To Alumni Brain Teaser**

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This shoulder patch was introduced in 1972 and was worn for only three years. How it came into being is an interesting story. It was the result (indirectly) of the loss of one of our own and (directly) by the loss of an Officer from another Department.

On April 6, 1971, Officer George Frees and his partner, Officer Robert Staab, pulled their 115 Car into a driveway at #53 Mount Avenue, Wyandanch. They immediately came under fire by an assailant with a high powered rifle. George Frees was killed and his partner was seriously wounded.

Commissioner John L. Barry (the Department's second Police Commissioner) would see over the funeral detail for the first Officer shot and killed in the line of duty.

At the funeral the 115 Car, draped with purple and black wide cloth ribbons, led the procession. Thousands of Officers from all along the East Coast attended the service. Commissioner Barry was visibly taken by the huge law enforcement turnout. So, only a couple of months later, when the City of Baltimore, Maryland, lost one of their police Officers to hostile gunfire, Commissioner Barry was quick to assembly a detail to represent his Department at that Officer's funeral in Baltimore. It was the funeral for Baltimore City Police Officer Carl Petersen, Jr., who was shot and killed on June 12, 1971, only two months after the loss of George Frees.

Commissioner Barry sent eight Officers to Baltimore. Two Sergeants and six Police Officers were issued two brand new marked units from the Police Garage in Hauppauge. The units had all the markings except Sector Car Numbers, which had not yet been applied. The detail was led by newly appointed Sergeant Richard "Dick" Siee. The eight Suffolk County Officers placed their Class "A"s in the trunk and headed south the day before the funeral.

After spending the night in a motel in Maryland, the detail put on their uniforms and attended the funeral ceremony the next morning. Even back then, the funeral of a Police Officer shot and killed while performing his duty drew huge attendance from the law enforcement community.

After the funeral, and upon returning to Suffolk County, Commissioner Barry took Sergeant Siee aside and asked him how the mission went. The Sergeant told the Commissioner that everything went well, but there was some confusion. He told the Commissioner that many of the Departments in attendance did not know which Suffolk County we were from, since more that one state has a county name Suffolk. Massachusetts, for example, also has a Suffolk County.

Commissioner Barry realized that nowhere on our marked cars, or on our uniforms, did it articulate that we were from New York. He immediately directed Officer Lee Borden of the Quartermaster Section to have the "N.Y." added to the existing shoulder patch. He also directed the Police Garage to add "N.Y." in bold letters to any marked units attending future out of state law enforcement funerals.

The "Interim" or "N.Y." patch went on to become the shoulder patch with the shortest tenure.

If you chose "B", you know your history and now you know how it came about.

## TAPS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF

John Robertson Police Officer Second Precinct June 9, 2017
Arnold Metzger Detective Headquarters June 13, 2017
Joseph O'Shea Detective Sixth Squad June 21, 2017
Vito Gioscia Detective Sixth Squad June 29, 2017
Robert Soldon Detective Sixth Squad July 7, 2017
John Lagrassse Detective Sixth Squad July 13, 2017
Robert Agenjo Detective D.A.'s Squad July 19, 2017
John Musa Police Officer Third Precinct July 30, 2017
George Williams Sergeant Second Precinct July 30, 2017
William Taylor Detective Criminal Intelligence Bureau August 11, 2017
Robert Johnson Police Officer Receiving, Dispatching & Teletype Unit September 12, 2017
Edward Saletel Police Officer Sixth Precinct September 19, 2017
Charles Ellinger Sergeant Third Precinct September 25, 2017