



## Calendar

### Cruise with NBE

The Port Authority Network of Black Employees invites all PA employees and retirees to its Summer's End Party Cruise aboard the Star of Palm Beach on Friday, August 22.

Boarding starts at 8 p.m. at Pier 40 in the West Village.

See Employee Bulletins for details.

### Deferred Compensation

A representative will be available at the Port Authority Technical Center on Monday, July 21, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., to discuss the PA's Deferred Compensation Plan. She will be on the second floor in front of the large mural.

### Pat Hoey Day At the Races

The Fifth Annual **Patrick A. Hoey** Memorial Scholarship Day at the Races is scheduled for Sunday, August 31, at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ.

Mr. Hoey was Manager of TB&T's Infrastructure Services Division.

See Employee Bulletins for a reservation form and details.

## Business Briefs

### Ship-to-Rail Volume Up

ExpressRail Staten Island – the ship-to-rail facility serving the Howland Hook Marine Terminal – has handled 44,000 cargo containers since opening on June 28, 2007, and already has exceeded 34,000 containers this year, surpassing projections.

The \$26 million facility has five tracks that are linked to the reactivated Staten Island Railroad, which connects via the Arthur Kill Lift Bridge to the nation's extensive rail freight network. It has the capacity to handle 100,000 containers a year.

The Port Authority's ExpressRail facilities in the two states handled 358,043 containers in 2007, an increase of 5.7 percent from the previous year.

# Port Authority Promotes 'Faster Freight, Cleaner Air'

**C**hairman **Anthony R. Coscia**,

Executive Director **Chris Ward**, and Deputy Executive Director **Susan Bass Levin** addressed the Faster Freight – Cleaner Air Conference at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan on July 8, kicking off a three-day symposium – the first ever held on the East Coast – on ways to improve efficiency and reduce the air-quality impacts of the goods-movement industry.

"The conference provided a venue for ports in the East to interact with technology providers, representatives of all elements of the goods movement industry, elected officials, environmental organizations, and the community to develop plans for moving freight faster and greener,"



Mike Dombrowski

*PCD Principal Environmental Program Specialist Joseph Monaco (foreground, at PA table) discusses air-quality programs in the port with Mel Peffers, a project manager with the Environmental Defense Fund.*

said Port Commerce General Manager **Bill Nurthen**, who gave closing remarks. He said the 460 registrants discussed technology, environmental initiatives at ports, funding green initiatives, and reducing emissions, and they participated in port facility tours on the third day.

The conference also included an exposition where new technologies and alternative-fueled vehicles, such as Central Automotive's CNG-powered Honda

and Hybrid Ford Escape, were on display alongside a booth that highlighted Port Authority actions to reduce air emissions in the bistate port.

## JFK Celebrates 60th Anniversary

*JFK General Manager Jerry Spampinato (left) and Terry Hennessey of British Airways and KAAMCO, the airline managers council, cut a cake on July 9 to mark the 60th anniversary of the first scheduled international arrival at New York International Airport. Chairman Anthony R. Coscia and Executive Director Chris Ward announced today that the Port Authority will provide free AirTrain JFK rides on July 25 to thank airport customers. The facility was renamed in December 1963.*



Alan Hicks

# Achievements

## Excellence in Marketing Communications

Chief of Public & Government Affairs **Steve Sigmund** recognized Marketing Communications Division and other Public Affairs employees on July 11 for winning an impressive number of awards this year for excellence in their field.

Organizations that honored the agency's marketing campaigns, publications, and other communications materials include the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, the International Association of Business Communicators, the American Association of Port Authorities, and the Transportation Marketing & Communications Association.



Public Affairs staff members with some of this year's awards.

Alan Hicks

## PATH Perfect

*PATH Capital Project Management Division honored its 2007 perfect attendance employees last month. The division is responsible for myriad projects in PATH's \$3.3 billion capital improvement program, including oversight of the design and manufacturing of the new PA-5 rail cars. The honorees included (from left) Sam Sharma (2 consecutive years), John Leyden Sr. (9), Assistant Director William Fellini (29), Regina Branch (26), Al Anton (2), Peter Brock Sr. (4), Carmen Sorvillo (16), Erhan Altinbilek (2), and Douglas Dreisbach (1). Not pictured: Ed Perara (1). The division also had no lost-time injuries on duty.*



Carmen Sorvillo

## Coast Guard Commendation

*Karen Ryan Tobia, Assistant Manager, Port Security and Technology, receives commendation from Captain Robert O'Brien Jr., Commander of Coast Guard Sector New York. Ms. Tobia was recognized for her work in coordinating security-grant project eligibility for more than 100 port partners in her role as Vice-Chair of the Area Maritime Security Committee's Grants and Legislative Affairs Subcommittee. She received the commendation on June 26, which also was her 36th anniversary of Port Authority service.*



Louis Vitale

## Employee Discounts

Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner, has added Disney World to its stable of companies providing discounts to PA employees.

To get with the program, go to [www.workingadvantage.com](http://www.workingadvantage.com), click on "Register Now" at the top of the home page, and use the PA's Member ID Number, 405042634, to create your account.

## Employee Profile: Tom Cople

*Title:* Senior Signal Circuit Designer.

*Residence:* Shrub Oak, NY.

*Joined the Port Authority:* March 1971.

*First job:* "I worked my way up through the ranks, starting as a Signal Helper, on to Signal Maintainer and Signal Tester, and then promoted to Signal Designer in 1982."

*Duties:* "I direct and assist Drafters and Staff Designers in their daily assignments. I perform, and supervise other designers performing, inspections and breakdown and operational testing of signal safety and power circuits. I am also an instructor for the Signal Trainee Program."



Margaret Mirabella

*Most challenging aspects:* "Restoring PATH service after 9/11. There was a great sense of pride and accomplishment watching that first train come into the rebuilt World Trade Center station in November 2003."

*Personal interests:* "In my time off, I enjoy fishing with my grandsons and bowling. When I retire, I hope to have a boat on the Hudson River."

*Thoughts about the job:* "Some people have a hard time getting up and going to work, and they complain about their jobs. I never had that feeling working at PATH. Every day here presents a new challenge, which keeps my interest piqued."

## PATH SmartLink Just Got Smarter

**P**ATH's customers are being introduced this month to the newly designed [pathsmartlinkcard.com](http://pathsmartlinkcard.com) and its many online benefits.

SmartLink users now can automatically add trips or unlimited passes to their cards using "Automatic Replenishment," or add individual trips through "One-Time Replenishment." They also can purchase, replace, and register cards, as well as track history and usage.

All transactions can be handled with a credit or debit card. A promotion including e-blasts, PATHVision slide, PATHAlerts message, and posters in stations and trains is being rolled out.