



## Retirement News

Now departing after a 38-year career: EWR Operations Manager **Nancy Seliga**.



Her takeoff celebration is set for 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, at EWR Building 1. See Employee Bulletins for details.

## Calendar

### Jazz in Jersey City

Retiree **Joe Frame** and his acoustic jazz group Framework will perform January 29 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Caesar's Cafe, 339 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, 201 332-8151.

On January 30, they'll be at Skipper's, 304 University Ave., Newark, 973 733-9300. Visit [www.frameworkjazz.com](http://www.frameworkjazz.com) for more details.

### Master's Degree Program

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Public Administration Institute is offering another MPA program for PA employees this spring at Gateway Center. For more information, contact Professor William Roberts at 201 692-7176 or [roberts@fdu.edu](mailto:roberts@fdu.edu).

## The PA & You

### Facility Tour Program

The next event in Human Resources' Facility Tour Program will be at PATH on Tuesday, January 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include a briefing by Director/General Manager **Michael DePallo**.

Click on the Facility Tours link on EmployeeNet for more details.

## Trading Post

In the market for a dining room set? Need Nets or circus tickets? Visit Trading Post on EmployeeNet.

## PATH Unveils its New PA-5s

The Port Authority this week unveiled a full-size mock-up of the new PATH car, a major milestone in its efforts to fully overhaul, modernize, and increase capacity on the rapid-transit system.

The new cars are a highlight of the PA's 10-year, \$3.3 billion PATH program, which includes completely replacing the existing 340-car fleet; adding up to 119 new cars; modernizing all 13 stations and expanding the platforms at Harrison and Grove Street to accommodate 10-car trains; modernizing the signals system; and increasing system capacity by about 25 percent.

Each new car will be equipped with video monitors that provide news, weather, and sports information from WNBC, as well as PATH service announcements. The new cars also will feature on-board CCTV surveillance capability; improved lighting; prerecorded station announcements; enhanced signage; and the capability for passengers to communicate directly with the crew.

They also will have an environmental feature known as regenerative braking, which allows the car to return some of the electrical power it uses to accelerate back to the power system when it goes into braking mode.

Calling PATH "a critical lifeline for hundreds of thousands of daily commuters," Chairman **Anthony R. Coscia** said, "With expected substantial increases in ridership, we decided to make a historic investment of



Chairman Coscia unveils a PA-5 mock-up January 22 at the Harrison Car Maintenance Facility. With him are (from left) U.S. Senator Bob Menendez, Jersey City Councilman Bill Gaughan, New Jersey Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, and Executive Director Shorris.



The new PATH cars will feature three doors on each side to allow faster loading and unloading.

\$3.3 billion to completely overhaul the PATH system. These investments will increase access to the region's economic core for decades to come."

Executive Director **Anthony E. Shorris** said, "The PATH system connects workers with jobs; it's elemental – a crucial part of the region's economic DNA. And if we want to

# Employee Profile: Rosemary Jenkins-Varela

*Title:* Manager, Certification Program, Office of Business & Job Opportunity, since 2000.

*Residence:* Millstone Township, NJ.

*Joined the Port Authority:* September 1972.

*First job:* Toll Collector, George Washington Bridge; followed by Registrar, World Trade Institute, WTD; Senior Accountant, Comptroller's; Senior Auditor, Audit; Junior Manager, Engineering; Senior Representative, Human Resources; and Senior Business Representative, OBJO.

*Duties:* Ensure the integrity of the PA's Minority/Women-owned/Small/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program through the management of a comprehensive certification review process that determines firms' eligibility; conduct in-depth workshops and presentations to outside firms on the certification process; represent the PA in the New York and New Jersey Unified Certification programs for DBEs; conduct certification-denial



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hearings to ensure that applicants are afforded due process and that the decision to deny was within the scope of the PA's guidelines; and work with TSD and Procurement to implement an automated certification application process.

*Most challenging aspects:* "Denying certification to a firm that believes it meets the eligibility requirements, and presenting reasons at a denial hearing"

*Personal interests:* "I proudly spend time assisting the underprivileged."

I go door-to-door delivering hot meals, clothing, and school supplies. I have also gone on a missionary trip to Grenada, West Indies, assisting with the medical needs of the locals. Also, I serve as the clerk at my church, sing in the choir, and am learning to play the piano."

*Thoughts about the job:* "I have been employed with the PA for my entire professional career, and it is a terrific organization. When I first started at the Port Authority, my intention was to work just for the summer. I didn't plan to stay here, but I fell in love with the organization, and I have met some of my closest friends here."

"The agency has afforded me the opportunity to work my way up the corporate ladder and obtain both my bachelor's and master's degrees. I feel like I'm married to the PA - and for far longer than I've been married to my husband. I love my job. Not too many people can say that."

## MLK Breakfast Draws a Crowd



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More than 225 people attended the Port Authority Network of Black Employees' 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on January 17 at the Hilton Newark Penn Station. The keynote speaker, New York State Senator Malcolm A. Smith, told the audience that, like Dr. King, everyone has a purpose, and he challenged the attendees to discover their own and act on it.

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keep both that economy and our environment vital for another generation, mass transit has to be at the top of our agenda. That's why we're investing to make PATH the answer for even more riders, with clean, comfortable cars full of amenities, and new monthly passes to make life easier for commuters."

Noting that the \$3.3 billion is the largest investment in the system's history, First Deputy Executive Director **Susan Bass Levin** said, "New cars, modern stations, and extended trains not only will provide increased capacity, but will ensure a safe rail transit system that can meet the challenges of the 21st century."

The Port Authority will receive the first test train of new PATH cars this year and passengers can expect to see new trains on the tracks by the end of the year. The entire fleet will be replaced by 2011.



Viewing the PA-5's interior are (from left) Executive Director Shorris, Railcar Program Manager Doug Dreisbach, PATH Director/General Manager Michael DePallo, and First Deputy Executive Director Levin.