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## Staff Update

**Lillian Valenti** named Director of Procurement; formerly Deputy Director.



T.J. Storch

## Retirement News

Holland Tunnel General Patron Services Supervisor **Thomas Smith** is retiring after a 34-year career.



His sendoff celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at the Staaten Restaurant, 697 Forest Ave., Staten Island, from 4 to 8 p.m. See Employee Bulletins for details.

## Business Briefs

### Cruises Up

The Port Authority-operated Brooklyn Cruise Terminal handled 51 voyages and more than 250,000 passengers during the 2007 season, a 30-percent increase from 2006.

"After just two full cruise seasons, the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal is already considered a world-class cruise terminal by the industry," said BCT Manager **Mike Deveney**. "We're proud of that, and we expect to build on it as we handle growing numbers of passengers."

He added that the BCT is expected to handle more than 60 calls and 300,000 passengers in 2008.

## Trading Post

In the market for a mountaineering tent? A washing machine? How about a 2003 Cadillac Escalade or a house in Jersey City? Yes? Visit Trading Post on EmployeeNet.

## Getting Ready for March 2

**W**hat does it take to get ready for a toll increase at four bridges and two tunnels between New York and New Jersey?

"Among other things," said Tunnels, Bridges and Terminals Director **Victoria Kelly**, "it takes toll collector training; new temporary and permanent signage; programming at the E-ZPass Customer Service Center and in our toll lanes; Port Authority Police assistance to hold traffic for sign installation and for the changeover on March 2; and publicizing the new rates and the availability of our new GreenPass program, which will offer discounts for low-pollution/high-gas mileage vehicles."

The PA's Sign Shop in Port Newark is in the process of fabricating more



Luis Franco

*Associate Traffic Engineer John Biront reviews the design of one of the new toll signs, installation of which has already begun.*



Michael Mooney

*Sign Shop Sign Painter Reid MacGowan fabricates a toll rate sign for the GWB.*

than 130 signs for the agency's bridges and tunnels, working from 21 Sign Service Requests from Traffic Engineering that contain specifications and installation information.

Sign Painters cut and size the sheet metal and prepare background reflective material for the signs, then design the sign messages via computer graphics and apply the sign material to the faces. The signs

are then prepared for field installation by Sign Mechanics. All of the information about the new toll rates remains covered with the existing rate information until the changeover on March 2.

*Next week: GreenPass.*

## Honoring Dr. King

*The Port Authority Bus Terminal/Lincoln Tunnel celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15 with a performance at the PABT by the McDonald's Gospel Choir. Actress and singer Melba Moore joined the choir, and their performance was met with thunderous applause by the facility's customers. With Ms. Moore are PABT/LT General Manager Steve Napolitano (right) and Junior Operations Supervisor Myron Johnson.*



# Employee Profile: Jim Hineson

*Title:* General Maintenance Supervisor, SEMAC Bridge Painters, Operations Services.

*Residence:* Lawrence Harbor, NJ.

*Joined the Port Authority:* August 1982.

*First job:* "After joining the PA, I was a Trades Helper for three years before I was promoted to Mechanic. Soon after that I became a Lead Mechanic. I have been a supervisor (FM-4) for the last eight years and I was promoted to General Maintenance Supervisor (FM-5) ten months ago."

*Duties:* "As the senior supervisor in the bridge gang my duties include administering a \$5 million budget; scheduling painting, rigging, and other essential repair work at all four of our bridges; and helping to ensure the health, welfare, and



Robert Rybicki

safety of a 29-man crew."

*Most challenging aspects:* "Making sure that our men, who often work at the very top of these bridges, go home safely to their families every night."

*Personal interests:* "Riding Harleys, lifting weights, and pursuing higher education."

*Thoughts about the job:*

"I have been a Bridge Painter my whole career. This is more than just a job to me. My grandfather was an original member of the Bridge Gang in the 1930s, my father was a SEMAC electrician, and my son James is a General Maintainer at the Holland Tunnel.

"I truly love my work and the people with whom I work. It is an honor to be supervisor of our Bridge Painters, and to help maintain our important transportation infrastructure."

## Achievements

### Certified in ECM

Supervising Engineer **Christi Clark** received an Enterprise Content Management practitioner certificate from the Association for Information and Image Management International.



Ken Shih

ECM comprises the technologies used to capture, manage, store, preserve, and deliver content and documents related to organizational processes.

## Calendar

### Master's Degree Program

You can enroll until Thursday, February 7, in Fairleigh Dickinson University's on-site master's degree program for PA employees.

Classes are held at Two Gateway Center. For more information, contact Professor William Roberts at 201 692-7176 or [roberts@fdu.edu](mailto:roberts@fdu.edu).

## Police Promotions

The Port Authority Police on January 22 promoted eight police sergeants to lieutenant, and 14 police officers and three detectives to sergeant.

The eight new lieutenants are **Richard Mancuso, Raymond Manfredi, Michael Hennessy, George Santiago, James Griglio, Michelle Serrano, Thomas Toht,** and **Daniel Ray.**

The new sergeants are **Jamie Barbarello-Koch, Sanrit Booncome, Christian Cedano, Edward Chapman, Sebastian D'Amato, Eugene Fasano, David Greczylo, Carla Harris, John Lomicky, Hector Martinez, Everett McCain, Paul O'Dell, Brian Porter, Colin Rogers, Gregory Techky, Erick Torres,** and **Kenneth White.**

## Convention Cruise

Port Authority Shomrim Society President **Oren Hindi** (front, center) joins fellow Shomrim presidents and representatives last month at the National Shomrim Convention aboard the cruise ship *Navigator of the Seas*.



## JFK Expressway Widening Completed



Jim Steven

Out surveying their handiwork – the widening of Kennedy International Airport's JFK Expressway – are (from left) Anthony Rivera of JFK Landside Operations and Mark Rerick, Denise V. Williams, and Joe Lufrano of Construction Management. The roadway was widened from two lanes to three from its beginning in the central terminal area to just past the taxiway bridges. The work is substantially completed, with only a few signage installations remaining. The JFK Expressway and the Van Wyck Expressway are the two primary entrances to the airport.