



Calendar

Open House

FDU will hold an open house for PA employees interested in its spring-semester graduate and undergraduate programs on Monday, January 5. For more information, contact Professor William Roberts at roberts@fdu.edu or 201 692-7176.

Asbury Jazz

Retiree **Joe Frame** and his acoustic jazz quartet Framework will perform at a Jazz Brunch at Market in the Middle, 516 Cookman Ave., Asbury Park, on Sunday, January 4, from noon to 3 p.m.

The PA & You

Life Insurance Statements

The life insurance statements that PA/PATH employees have typically received from the Prudential Insurance Company each December will be mailed in the mid-first quarter of 2009.

The timing is being adjusted to reflect more accurately the year-end salary levels upon which coverage amounts under the PA's plan are based.

The mailing includes a "Summary of Benefits" statement confirming the amount of coverage and the primary and contingent beneficiaries of record.

Retirement News

You can wish **Edna Adams, Louise Bourke, Jack Carren, Dora Legra, Sandy Moglia, and Diane Sciattara** a "Happy New Life" at their retirement celebrations in January. See Employee Bulletins for details.



Edna Adams



Louise Bourke



Diane Sciattara

Port Authority Staffers Donate by the Truckload

Two box trucks, as it turned out, were just barely enough to contain the 6,000-plus toys and games contributed by Port Authority staff members in the 2008 Toys for Tots drive.

"The response by PA employees was overwhelming," Executive Director **Chris Ward** said. "I'm very grateful to them and proud of them."

Mr. Ward joined Director of Public Safety/Superintendent of Police **Samuel Plumeri Jr.** at PA headquarters on December 17 to thank the Port Authority Police Marine Corps Association for spearheading the campaign.

Five hundred of the toys were hand-delivered by PAPDMCA members to SUNY Downstate Medical



Mike Dombrowski

Center in Brooklyn, where about half the children in the pediatric ward are orphans. The rest of the toys were delivered to the Marine Corps Reserve Stations in New York and New Jersey for transport to various hospitals, shelters, and organizations.

PA Employees Are 'Ready Reserve'

Members of the Port Authority's American Red Cross Disaster Reserve Team participated in a full-scale shelter simulation drill December 6 at Martin Luther King High School in Manhattan.

Along with dozens of volunteers from other corporate teams, they learned about shelter operations and practiced setting one up, including registering clients, building cots, and role-playing health care interventions.

Team Member **Wing Lee**, who was living in Chinatown on 9/11, said "things seemed to be disorganized without the Red Cross" and that "being trained now will give me a



At the shelter setup drill this month are (from left) Wing Lee, Sui Moy, Joseph DellaBarca, Kara Chernet, Patrick Thrasher, Joy Sinderbrand, and Maria De La Cruz. Not pictured: Juan Colon and Cynthia Bacon.

Vesey Street Stairs Moved to Memorial Museum Site

The Port Authority and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum this month moved the historic Vesey Street Stair Remnant, also known as the Survivors' Staircase, to its final location in the Memorial Museum site.

The stairs, which were used as a vital route to safety on 9/11, were the first artifact moved to the museum site when they were lowered to a temporary location at bedrock level in July.

Chairman **Anthony R. Coscia** said, "We're proud of our role alongside the Memorial Foundation in preserving this important piece of the site's history. Its move to a permanent home will allow us to continue installation of steel and other work needed to meet our public commitments for building the Memorial."

Executive Director **Chris Ward** said, "We worked hard to make sure



The 57-ton, 64-foot long Vesey Street stairs are lifted by crane December 12 to be rigged for a second lift to its final location.

Tony Oliver

this important piece of the World Trade Center's history was safely delivered from street level to its final destination in the Memorial bedrock. Now we can continue the progress we've made to aggressively build the Memorial around it."

The PA this month also began removing the 460-foot-long vehicular ramp that allowed access to the site, which will allow for steel installation to continue and the south side of the Memorial's steel structure to be completed.

Happy Holidays at LGA



Pete Florio

From left, Kris and Mrs. Kringle and two of their hardest-working elves (who bear a striking resemblance to LaGuardia Airport's Frank Mirovsky, Melba Davis, Jean Wilson, and Carol Downing) offer season's greetings to air travelers at the airport last week. Children from P.S. 157 (photo right) entertained customers in the Central Terminal Building with holiday carols.



Cheryl Lee

'Ready Reserve'

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chance to be part of a team, prepared to help in any future disasters."

The Disaster Reserve Team is part of a large-scale effort by the American Red Cross of Greater New York and the New York City Office of Emergency Management to prepare a ready reserve of 10,000 volunteers. The PA team has more than 60 members, but is always looking for more. If you're interested, contact **Joy Sinderbrand**.

Teleport Staff Helps the Less Fortunate



Rafik Pietrovic

Teleport Operations Group Supervisor **Gerry Simms** (left) helps deliver some of the 100 pounds of nonperishable food items collected by Port Authority staff for the food bank operated by St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Staten Island. With him is St. Mary's Deacon **Jim Stahlnecker**. Facility manager **Rich Codd** said the Teleport Food Drive was the first of what will become an annual endeavor.

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