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Calendar

NBE MLK Breakfast

The officers and members of the Port Authority Network of Black Employees invite fellow employees and guests to their 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 21, 8 to 10 a.m., at Club 101 in Manhattan.

See Employee Bulletins for more details.

Three Kings Celebration

The officers and members of the Port Authority Hispanic Society invite PA employees and friends to their annual Three Kings Cultural Celebration. It takes place Friday, January 21, 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Manhattan Penthouse, 80 Fifth Avenue at 14th Street. The cost is \$65. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Master's Degree Program

Seton Hall University is offering PA employees a master's degree in Human Resources Training & Development at half the normal tuition.

The 24-month, 36-credit program is offered exclusively in learning teams. It is a "blended" program, largely online, with only one required on-campus weekend residency, beginning January 22-23.

For more information, contact Dr. **Dom Varricchio** at varricdo@shu.edu, or visit <http://www.shu.edu/academics/education/ma-human-resources-online/index.cfm>.

South/Central NJ Retirees Luncheon

The next luncheon of the South/Central Jersey Retirees will be held at noon on Thursday, January 20, at the Captain's Inn, 304 East Lacey Road, Forked River. Spouses and active employees are always welcome.

RSVP to **Rita DuBrow**, ritasue25@comcast.net, 609 241-0806; **Stan Raith**, lyst99@aol.com, 732 364-9078; or **Liz DeLaura**, lizd1071@aol.com, 201 666-2228.

Degree Programs

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology is offering B.S. and M.S. degree programs in airport management to Port

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Snow? No Problem



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(Photo left) It looked like clear sailing at the GWB at about 8 a.m. yesterday despite a snowfall total of eight inches, thanks to staff and the facility's 28 trucks equipped with plows and spreaders. Snowfall totals at Port Authority facilities ranged from a little over six inches at LaGuardia Airport (photo right), where SEMAC's Vincent Pasculli and Dino Migliore put their high-speed plow through its paces, to more than a foot at Teterboro Airport. All PA facilities remained open throughout.

Employee Profile: Susan Groteke

Editor's note: JFK General Manager Jerry Spampinato said, "Susan is the brains behind the industry-leading Collaborative Decision Making/Air Traffic Surface Management System at JFK, which has been widely credited with saving the airlines millions of dollars while minimizing aircraft delays and passenger inconvenience during the reconstruction of the Bay Runway. She is now Aviation's lead person in extending the system's application and benefits to 'normal' operating conditions at JFK, LGA, and EWR."

Title: Senior Airport Engineer, Aviation Technical Services.

Residence: Manhattan.

Joined the PA: October 2009.

First job: "Director of Flight Operations/Pilot for Cappelli Development in Valhalla, NY. My second job was Pilot for Delta Connection carrier Comair."

Duties: "Our unit supports all five of our airports relating to technical, safety, and efficiency enhancements and standardization. Responsibilities include strategic and tactical management



Alan Hicks

and development of programs that improve the operational efficiency of our airports and improve decision-making capabilities."

Most challenging aspects: "The most challenging and rewarding part of my

job is working with the airlines and FAA to develop new capabilities that make air transportation safer and more reliable, improve the capacity of our airports and the National Airspace System, while reducing aviation's impact on the environment.

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Authority employees.

Classes will be held at LaGuardia Airport's Central Terminal Building. The programs will prepare students for careers at airports and related businesses and agencies from entry level to senior management.

Register now for the Spring 2011 semester; classes begin January 18. Contact Vaughn College at 718 429-6600, ext. 117, or admitme@vaughn.edu.

Off-Broadway Debut

Principal Marketing Analyst **Russell Jordan** made his off-Broadway debut January 9 in Beirut, playing at Theatre Row's Lion Theater. Beirut is the story of a Brooklyn man quarantined in the Lower East Side after testing positive for a deadly, nameless virus. His girlfriend, who has not been infected, makes the dangerous journey across the lines to save him. You can catch Mr. Jordan at this Sunday's 3 p.m. performance. For tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/e4Jxbf>.

Jazz in Brooklyn

Retiree and jazz vocalist **Steve Cromity** will honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he performs on Sunday, January 16, 6 to 9 p.m., at Two Steps Down, 240 DeKalb Ave. For more details, contact him at acorns4u@aol.com or visit stevecromity.com.

Retirement News

The new date for **Bill Kehoe's** retirement celebration is Tuesday, January 18, 5 to 9 p.m., at Puccini's Restaurant in Jersey City. See Employee Bulletins for details.



The PA & You

Deferred Compensation

A representative of the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan will be at the following locations next month to assist employees who wish to enroll in the plan or change their contribution amounts.

- February 7, Journal Square Transportation Center, One PATH Plaza, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- February 14, Port Authority Technical Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- February 16, 225 Park Avenue South, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- February 23, One Madison Avenue, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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"The stakeholders operating at our airports include large, complex companies or agencies with unique agendas and business models. It's a fantastic chance to listen and learn about constraints, challenges, and operational limitations of each group and then collaborate, in sometimes spirited discussions, to overcome objections and develop solutions that benefit the airport community as a whole."

Personal interests:

Flying, travel, golf, skiing, glass-blowing, and photography.

Thoughts about the job:

"Throughout my previous career as a New York-based pilot I had the opportunity to develop a working knowledge of the Port Authority's airports and the New York airspace. Over the years I encountered many areas of inefficiency in the system, which I believe can be enhanced through development and implementation of new concepts and though improvement of current practices.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to utilize my flying experience to help develop these creative solutions. My forward-thinking co-workers in the Aviation Technical Services unit, like myself, are true aviation enthusiasts who aspire to effect positive change in the aviation industry. We take pride in our effort to launch cutting-edge initiatives that will help achieve a safer, more efficiently functioning airport system."

Fund Established

A scholarship fund has been set up for the children of PATH Way & Structures Division Superintendent **F. Brian Steets**, who passed away on December 17, leaving behind his wife and three sons, aged 16, 14, and 11. Donations can be sent to the Steets Children Education Fund, P.O. Box 90, Roseland, NJ 07068.

At EWR, Supporting The Boy Scouts

New Jersey Airports General Manager **John Jacoby** and EWR Maintenance Manager **Frank Radics** last week presented the airport community's contributions to Troop 648 of the Boy Scouts of America – three scout uniforms, three scout handbooks, and \$525 in cash.

The items were collected in December after Thaddeus McRae, Scoutmaster of the Newark troop, asked for the airport's support.



From left, John Jacoby, Thaddeus McRae, and Frank Radics.

John Geddes

Christmas in Comptroller's

Santa Claus comes to Comptroller's every year to bestow prizes and small gifts upon children of staff members, who also get to watch movies and play games. With Santa (who bears an uncanny resemblance to Mike Dzurina) on December 24 are Anna Chen's Kimberly and Kristina; Antoinette Tahan's Mark Anthony; Cristobal Valdez's Luna; Cheryl Johnson-Squires' Jaime, Jada, and Jaday; John Robinson-Fiorillo's Octavia and Natalya; and Nathalie St. Rose's Madison and Jaden. Not pictured: Ying Chen's Eva. Angela Ruales coordinated.



Terry Landrigan