

Dressed for The Holidays



Michael Mahesh

Now 90 stories high and visible from all five boroughs and northern New Jersey, One World Trade Center will be even more visible this holiday season, thanks to construction workers from Five Star Electric, the tower's electrical contractor, who volunteered their time to place colored cellophane wrapping around the existing interior lights to create the holiday look. Its steel is scheduled to top out in the first quarter of 2012, and the building is scheduled for completion by the end of 2013. About half of its 3 million square feet of office space has been leased.

The Toys for Tots Are on Their Way

Executive Director **Pat Foye** joined members of the Port Authority Police Marine Corps Association at Port Authority headquarters this week to see some of the 2,200 toys they collected for the Corps' annual Toys for Tots drive.

Five hundred of the toys were delivered to the children's ward at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. The rest were delivered to the New York and New Jersey Marine Corps Reserve Depots for distribution to needy families.



Alan Hicks

With the Executive Director (center) on Tuesday are Director of Public Safety/Superintendent of Police Michael Fedorko, a PAMCA member (center, left), and (from left) Detective Adil Almontaser, Police Officer Roberto Reyes, Sergeant Erick Torres, Captain Ray Bryan, Police Officers Hans Gomero, Joshua Maarleveld, and Edgar Villanueva, Captain Geraldo Silva, and Police Officer Francis Gavin. Not pictured because they were picking up more toys: Police Officers Frank Negron, Oscar Ruiz, Javier Cerna, and Mike Stoia. Officer Maarleveld is PAMCA President.

EWR Project Completed

A week before the busiest air travel holiday of the year, on the afternoon of November 17, the EWR Terminal B Modernization Program completed a major element of the Lower Level Expansion and Satellite B1 Vertical Circulation Project.

The new B1 Vertical Circulation Core includes two high-capacity elevators, two express escalators, two service elevators, and an additional three single-level escalators, providing greater access to the program's new Domestic Baggage Claim Hall, opened in 2009 on the terminal's all-new lower level, as well as to the other levels of the terminal.

The LLE project transformed the original two-level terminal into a three-

level operation. Complemented by a new arrivals frontage roadway that opened in 2008, the lower level has been transformed from an unused parking area to an integral part of the Terminal B operation.

The last remaining milestone for the LLE project is completion of two new electrical substations and twin 2.8-megawatt emergency generators, which is expected near year-end. The Terminal B



Eric Winkler

Some of the PA staff members involved in the project are (front row, from left) Daniel Nunez, Sherry Berty, Nizar Alkhatib, Nico Simeonidis, and Juan Melendez, and (back row) Sterling Dubissette, Dan Lochard, Caesar Johnson, and Mark Okula.

Calendar

Coat Drive

Collection boxes for New York Cares' coat drive were placed this week in the lobby of 225 Park Avenue South and on the 10th floor of 115 Broadway.

Gently used coats are needed. The drive ends December 23.

Charitable Campaign

The PA/PATH Employees Charitable Campaign ends tomorrow.

Send your completed form to your Campaign Captain or to Campaign Manager **Rhonda Barnett** at 225 PAS, 18th floor.

Save the Date

The next luncheon of the South/Central Jersey Retirees will be held at noon on Thursday, January 19, at the Captain's Inn, 304 East Lacey Road, Forked River.

Spouses and active employees are welcome.

RSVP to **Rita DuBrow**, ritasue25@comcast.net, 609 241-0806, or **Liz DeLaura**, lizd1071@aol.com, 201 666-2228.

Shomrim Collection

The Port Authority Shomrim Society is collecting tallisim, ritual fringed garments, for the Hebrew Free Burial Society, an organization that provides indigent Jews a traditional Jewish funeral and burial in the society's cemetery on Staten Island.

Send any old tallisim to **Betty Astrizky** at JFK Building 145 by December 31.

Master's Program

Seton Hall University will have a representative in the lobby of 225 Park Avenue South on Monday morning, December 19, and at PATC that afternoon for PA employees interested in its master's degree program in Human Resources Training & Development.

The 24-month, 36-credit program is offered exclusively in learning teams. The spring semester begins on Saturday, January 21. Tuition is half the normal rate.

There is no required residency. The program is entirely online.

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>.

EWR Project

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Modernization Program also includes new international and domestic check-in areas and new mezzanine-level offices, all now under construction.

Work on the last component of the program, the International Meeter/Greeter Improvements, is expected to begin next year and be completed late in 2013.

Achievements

Supporting the VNA

Deputy Chief of Capital Planning/World Trade Center Construction Director **Steven Plate**

was honored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Long Island last month for his support of the organization and his work at the World Trade Center site. He received the award at VNA-LI's eighth annual Bridgid Noreen Fife Memorial Luncheon, which raises funds for the organization's Maternal Child Health program.

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Mr. Plate with Patricia Fife at the Bridgid Noreen Fife Memorial Luncheon on November 30. The annual event has raised nearly \$120,000 for VNA's Maternal Child Health Program. Bill and Patricia Fife were the luncheon co-chairs.

Let It Snow – SWF's Ready

Just in time for snow season, Stewart International Airport has received five new Wausau MTE2420 SNOOne Combination Units, a SnoDozer Chassis equipped with a Wausau BAB High Speed Runway Snow Blower, a Tyler Runway Deicer, and a Mack Rollover Runway Plow Truck.

"The new equipment allows a high-speed team to clear runways and taxiways much more quickly and effectively," SWF General Manager **Rich Heslin** said. "Because the entire group of equipment moves at about 30 miles per hour, we will minimize the amount of time the runways must be out of service during a storm."

The multifunctional Wausau Combination Unit integrates a runway plow, runway broom, and airblast system into a single vehicle with one



SWF staffers show off the new Wausau BAB High Speed Runway Snow Blower. From left are Mark Presutti, Deputy General Manager Derek Martin, General Manager Rich Heslin, Rosemarie Borst, Dave Green, Dennis Pacella, Michael Presutti, Mike Prosynchak, Al Hendricks, and Oscar Hollenbeck.

operator to clean a 20-foot-wide path to bare pavement in one pass – at speeds up to about 40 mph.

Clearing snow at 30 miles per hour, the Wausau BAB can throw more than 7,500 tons of snow per hour to a distance of up to 150 feet.

Retirement News

You can wish PA Police Officers **Millie Lopez** and **Mike Killeen** a happy retirement at the GWB Command's Christmas/Retirement Party on Thursday, December 22, 6 to 10 p.m., at the Bicycle Club in Englewood Cliffs.

See Employee Bulletins for details.