

Fostering Security



Steven Ditomasso

Conducting safety and security awareness outreach at the Teleport last week are Port Authority Police Lieutenant Joe Garcia, Sergeant Raul Morales, and Police Officer James Cox. PA Police handed out Security Awareness brochures and safety tips as part of the agency's ongoing safety and security campaign, "Stay Alert. Be Aware. Speak Up." With them are students from the John W. Lavelle Preparatory Charter School, a Teleport tenant. Not pictured: Police Officer Steven Ditomasso.

LWMC Meets



Anthony Coppolechia

The 42 attendees at the Last Wednesday of the Month Club of Port Authority retirees luncheon at In Napoli Restaurant in Fort Lee on November 30 included (from left) Arnold Karvasarsky, John Kelly, Larry Caffin, Bob Isaacs, Dick Schulman and Dick Peduto. The next meeting takes place at noon on December 28. Active employees are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Parisi at bobb106@optonline.net.

PA News will publish again on January 5.

2 Montgomery – Brought to You By...

Pictured are the Real Estate and Development staff members and contractors who were responsible for the move this fall of more than 350 employees from One Madison Avenue in Manhattan to 2 Montgomery Street in Jersey City. They are (back row, from left) Carlos Arredondo, Donald Jodice, John Tyler, Wayne Kraft, Real Estate Services Assistant Director Vincent Borst, Cesare Berardi, Rick Karim, Steve Cheng, John O'Hara, James Pittman, (front row) Carmen Kaplan, Joseph McAuley, Jim Carlin, Joe Panio, James Corbett, Felix Baguchinsky, Pat Arena, Giulio Zangrilli, Pat Drew, and Mark Brungo. Not pictured: Dan Brescia, Virginia Dellabarca, Rosalie Edson, Meryll Effron, Colin Flynn, Gene Gagliano, Linda Martin, John Meyer, Ronnette Riley, Gerry Simms, and Ronald Veleva. The move is part of the Port Authority's plan to consolidate corporate staff into 2 Montgomery, a building the PA purchased in 2010, and 4 World Trade Center.



Mike Dombrowski

Supporting Wounded Warriors

The Newark International Airport Airline Managers Council last week presented a \$40,000 check to the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that works to provide programs and services to injured members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The money was raised through NIAAMCO's Black Tie Gala, which a number of Port Authority employees attended.

The Wounded Warrior Project began in Newark.



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At the check presentation are (from left) New Jersey Airports General Manager Huntley Lawrence, NIAAMCO Vice Chairman Hipolito Vazquez of JetBlue Airways, Wounded Warrior Project Executive Director Al Giordano, and NIAAMCO members Sonya Dinyari of Air France and Stephanie Vigilotti of West Jet.

Achievements

'Dedicated Service'

Airport Concessions Manager **Susan Bush** was named Woman of the Year by the Our Lady of the Skies Chapel at Kennedy International Airport.

Ms. Bush was cited for her outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the airport community at John F. Kennedy International.



William Puckhaber

With Ms. Bush at the award ceremony are (from left) Father Chris Piasta, Pastor of Our Lady of the Skies; Al DePhilips of Airways Maintenance, President of the Our Lady of the Skies Guild; JFK General Manager Jerry Spampanato; and Master of Ceremony Andrew Halley, Station Manager, Aer Lingus.

'Outstanding Detective'

Port Authority Police Detective **Dewan Maharaj** was presented the Detective **Harold C. Myers** Memorial Award for his outstanding detective work throughout 2011, most notably his involvement in a successful prosecution involving a \$1.8 million fraud perpetrated against 19 victims.

The award is named for the late JFK Command detective, who was widely admired for his many positive attributes.



Detective Maharaj (center) receives the Harold C. Myers Award from Director of Public Safety/Superintendent of Police Michael Fedorko (right). With them are (from left) Queens County Assistant District Attorney Catherine Kane; PAPD Detective Curt King, Detective Maharaj's partner; Inspector Brian Sullivan; and Detective George Dornier, President of the PAPD Detectives Endowment Association.

Calendar

Hanukkah Celebration

The Port Authority Shomrim Society invites fellow employees and friends to its Hanukkah celebration and menorah lighting on Tuesday, December 27, at 4 p.m. at the World Trade Center site near the PATH entrance on Vesey Street and West Broadway.

The designers of the original menorah at the WTC will dedicate a new menorah to the PA through the Shomrim Society.

RSVP by December 26 to Shomrim Chapter President **Scot Pomerantz** at spomerantz@panynj.gov or president@panynjshomrim.org, or Secretary **Marsha Hochstadt** at mhochstadt@panynj.gov or secretary@panynjshomrim.org.

Retirement News

A retirement party for Government & Community Affairs' **Bill Young** is set for Thursday, December 29, 4 to 8 p.m., at P.J. Ryan's in Jersey City.



PATH's **Paul Slabowski** is changing his focus and you can wish him a happy retirement on Friday, January 20, 5 to 9 p.m., at the Brass Rail Restaurant in Hoboken.



See Employee Bulletins for details.

Discounts Program



Are you ready for some skiing? You can save up to \$33.05 at Vermont's Stowe Mountain Resort – and discounts also are available at Bretton Woods, Jay's Peak, Mount Snow, and Killington, among others.

Go to www.workingadvantage.com and use the PA's Member ID Number – 405042634. Retirees can use it also.

'Extraordinary Service'

TB&T Assistant Director **Mark Muriello** was named a lifetime National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academies.



The National Research Council, part of the National Academy of Sciences, cited him for his extraordinary service and dedication while serving in leadership roles in the Transportation Research Board, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, and the Strategic Highway Research Program's reliability focus area.

PhD

HRD Technical Training Supervisor **Peter Mascharka** successfully completed his dissertation for his PhD from the University of Connecticut in the field of Industrial/Organization Psychology.



Roseann Mohr

His dissertation was titled "The Effect of Intentional Response Distortion on Personality Factor Structure."

Save the Date

The Port Authority Network of Black Employees' 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast is set for January 19.

Details will be posted soon on EmployeeNet.

Shomrim Collection

The Port Authority Shomrim Society is collecting tallitim, 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.

Please send any tallitim that you are looking to put to good use to **Betty Astrizky** at JFK Building 145 by December 31.