

## Chairman Addresses Transport Summit

**C**hairman **David Samson** addressed the NJ Alliance for Action's Transportation Summit in Trenton yesterday, outlining the Port Authority's key projects and initiatives "as we look forward," he said, "to the PA's 90th anniversary in April."

Noting the bistate port generates more than 200,000 jobs, \$8.9 billion in personal income, \$28.9 billion in business activity, and \$3.9 billion in tax revenues, he said the agency "doesn't exist just to build bridges and tunnels, it exists to make the New Jersey-New York economic region stronger and more vibrant." He delineated the agency's plans to provide capacity for future growth at the port, including ExpressRail development, property acquisition, and raising the roadbed of the Bayonne Bridge to accommodate the larger ships expected when the Panama Canal expansion is completed in 2014.

Chairman Samson noted that "progress on the entire WTC site has been nothing short of phenomenal," and he updated attendees on each of the program's elements. "We are guardians of this sacred spot," he said, "a spot that has particular resonance for us as well, as 84 members of the PA family were lost that day."

He also discussed the PA's public/private venture initiative to build a new Goethals Bridge; passenger terminal redevelopment at EWR; and PATH improvements, including those recently authorized for Harrison Station.

"As Chairman," he concluded, "I will work to ensure a fair and balanced allocation of resources as we take on the region's major transportation needs, while driving economic competitiveness and job creation."

## Remembering Colleagues



*Mr. Ward and Mr. Baroni (front pew, from right) at the memorial Mass on Saturday. In the second pew are (from right) Chief Operating Officer Ernesto L. Butcher, retired WTC Plant and Structures Manager Tom Cancelliere, retired WTD Assistant Director Bob DiChiara, National September 11 Memorial & Museum Special Initiatives Director Madeleine Blot, Alan Reiss, retired WTD Senior Property Manager Bob Benacchio, and Lillian Valenti. World Trade Center Construction Director Steven Plate is in the third pew, obscured. Real Estate Services Assistant Director Jerry Del Tufo is visible in the fifth pew, right side of the photo.*

**E**xecutive Director **Chris Ward** and Deputy Executive Director **Bill Baroni** led staff at a Mass on Saturday at St. Peter's Church in Lower Manhattan to commemorate the victims of the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993.

The bombing killed six people and injured more than a thousand. The six were PA employees **Robert Kirkpatrick**, **Stephen Knapp**, **William Macko**, and **Monica Rodriguez Smith** and her unborn child, as well as Windows on the World employee Wilfredo Mercado and visitor John DiGiovanni.

The Port Authority Police Pipes & Drums inaugurated the ceremony.

Procurement Director **Lillian Valenti** said the Mass is especially meaningful to the families and friends since it is also presided over by **Charles Maikish**, who was World Trade Director at the time.

She and World Trade Construction Deputy Director **Alan Reiss** noted that the fragment of the memorial to the 1993 victims that was recovered from **Austin J. Tobin Plaza** after 9/11 and sat on the altar during the service has a profound impact on all those who were there that day or who lost loved ones, and it connects all members of the PA family in remembrance every year.

# WTC Memorial Golf Club Is Online



Photos: Lifetouch Photography

If you want to play in the WTC Memorial Golf Invitational at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck, NJ, this September, you should get on the waiting list – and now that the sponsor, the WTC Memorial Golf Club, has a new Web site, you can do that at [wtcmemorialgolfclub.com](http://wtcmemorialgolfclub.com).

The WTC Memorial Golf Club was formed as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity shortly after 84 Port Authority employees lost their lives on 9/11. A group of their friends formed a committee to explore ways to help the victims' families, including the victims of the 1993 bombing.

Since the first golf outing in 2002,



*Executive Director Chris Ward addressed the 9th Annual WTC Memorial Golf Invitational last September. More than 250 Port Authority employees and friends attended.*

the organization has raised nearly \$130,000 and made charitable contributions to the families as well as a number of other foundations and organizations.

"We plan to continue to raise money for worthy organizations, to provide college scholarships in the

names of those lost in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, and to erect and maintain a monument at the site dedicated to the PA employees lost in the attacks," WTC Memorial Golf Club President **Paul Iannacone**. "And we encourage everyone to come out to the invitational even if they don't play golf and join us for dinner."

## Retirement News

The retirement celebration for PAPD Inspector **Kenn Honig** is set for Thursday, April 7, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hudson River Yacht Club in Brooklyn. See Employee Bulletins for details.



TSD's **Tom Davis** is heading for greener pastures (aka greens). His retirement celebration takes place at noon on Friday, March 18, at Angelo and Maxie's Restaurant, near PA headquarters.



## Calendar

### Save the Date

The 5th Annual Drive for the Cure Golf Outing will take place at Brooklyn's Dyker Beach Golf Course on Monday, July 18.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society to assist children with cancer.

For more information contact golf outing chairman **Jerry Vincelli** at 973 827-7896, 917 544-5468, or [vincelli1950@gmail.com](mailto:vincelli1950@gmail.com).

### Rose's Retirees

**Rose Hemmerich's** next recent retirees luncheon will take place at noon on Monday, March 7, at Skylight Diner, 402 W. 34th St. in Manhattan.

For more information, contact her at [laroe85@yahoo.com](mailto:laroe85@yahoo.com), 704 966-0732, or cell 516 987-0514.

### Jazz in Jersey

Retiree **Joe Frame** and his Framework Trio will perform at the Wine Loft, 32 Laird Street, Long Branch, next Thursday, March 10, at 8:30 p.m. For more details, contact him at [jframejr@msn.com](mailto:jframejr@msn.com).

## Business Briefs

### In the Top Ten...

Two of the ten best airport restaurants in the U.S. are in New York, according to Frommer's Travel Guides – Deep Blue Sushi at Kennedy International Airport's Terminal 5 and Custom Burgers by Pat LaFrieda in LaGuardia's Terminal D, the Delta Air Lines terminal.

A Frommer's senior editor said, "We've picked places that serve food you'd eat even if you weren't trapped."

### ...And the Top 100



LaGuardia Airport's Terminal D is also home to one of the 100 best golf shops in the U.S., according to Golf World magazine – the PGA Tour Shop, operated by Paradies Shops.