

# 1 NYPD 10-13 CLUB of Broward

An organization of retired New York City Police Officers May, 2017



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Next General Meeting June 6th, 2017

Moose Lodge Family Center 6191 Rock Island Rd, Tamarac

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Sharp

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### The President's Message

Our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will end the season for summer break time. At the meeting, Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar, will speak and discuss the Florida First Responder Bill and field any other questions that the membership will have regarding their Broward County Property Taxes. This is an important topic for our membership. Marty comes from an NYPD police family, so he identifies with us and we should make him feel welcome, always. Also, he has a great name.

Most of the members are enjoying the Moose Lodge meetings and many are joining the Moose International membership. It's a great organization and there are fantastic benefits to becoming a member. Don't forget that Moose Lodge stays open very late and we don't have to leave before 9, as we did in the previous location. Some members enjoy the bar. The entire building is now SMOKE FREE, including the main bar area!

The Margate Police will be presenting a NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME on Tues., August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Margate Sports Complex 1695 Banks Road. There will be free hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and other refreshments, with plenty of giveaways, prizes and activities for kids. Broward 10-13 has always brought a good attendance and this year should be even better. So come out and share a night out with people that love ya' ! It's a community campaign to help citizens better relate to police. So help bridge the gaps. Your board has reduced operating costs in many areas and we continually strive to reduce all unnecessary spending. Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> will be Broward 10-13's memorial breakfast meeting at 8am at the Moose Lodge. Last year, we met there on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, so some of you couldn't attend due to other commitments. Moose Lodge charges \$8 dollars for a very big variety buffet breakfast. We begin exchanging stories and experiences of Patriot Day, after the breakfast, in the Moose Lodge dining room. It was great last year ...ask anyone who was there. Please be prepared to be counted as attending, we'll ask for a show of hands at June and Sept. meetings. I can't think of any place I'd rather be, that morning.

There are no meetings in July and August. We hope to see you at our next meeting on September 5th, 2017.

Wishing you well...Martin

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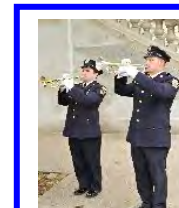
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## **Taps for departed members** Broward 10-13



# **MEMBERSHIP 2017**

Membership dues for 2017 are due.  
Annual dues are \$40 or \$45 for new members.  
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If you are a current member, please simply mail a check for \$40 to the address below. If you are not a member and would like to become a member, please complete the application on the next page and mail to the club at:

NYPD BROWARD 10-13 CLUB INC.  
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Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NEW MEMBERS SUPPLY A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Retirement Card
2. Pension Card
3. Quarterly statement from the pension bureau

Dues: Be sure to include a \$45.00 Check, Payable to the NYPD BROWARD 10-13 CLUB INC. (That includes your annual dues of \$40.00 plus \$5.00 initiation/reinstatement fee).

This is extremely important for the spouse or domestic partner of a retired NYC Police Officer who passes away!

QUESTION: When a member passes away, what will happen to his/her spouse as far as medical coverage?

ANSWER: If the retiree has retired on 3/4 and dies from the condition that mandated the retirement, (Heart Bill, etc.) the City will continue the same medical coverage that was in effect with the retiree. This will also include Health & Welfare Benefits (dental, eyeglass & prescription drugs). If the retiree has retired for regular service or ordinary disability, the spouse will be able to continue the medical coverage but must pay for it at the group rate. The group rate is a bargain and is calculated at the cost of 102 percent of the amount that the City was paying. Due to special legislation that we were able to achieve several years ago this coverage does not expire after 36 months. This applies only to New York City Police and Fire Retirees. Upon learning of the death of a police

retiree the Retiree Benefits Section of the Office of Labor Relations sends the SPOUSE an application which is referred to as "Cobra for Life." The surviving spouse fills it out and sends it to the medical plan of choice and is thereafter billed and covered by that health carrier. The survivor also can continue the Health and Welfare coverage with the respective union, PBA, DEA, SBA, SOC, (based on retirement rank) only for a period of 36 months but they must pay for that continuing benefit for a 36 month period. The Health and Welfare coverage is no longer available after the 36 months but it does not affect the Medical Coverage which is for life. However, if they are of Medicare age, we recommend they take the health plans (GHI etc.) prescription drug rider instead, and they will be partially subsidized by Medicare but only if they can forego dental and optical benefits.

QUESTION: What happens when the 36 months expire?

ANSWER: If the spouse is not yet of Medicare age, then they should contact their medical plan provider and inquire about paying for the prescription drug rider. They can also shop for other prescription drug plans. ANOTHER OPTION FOR THE MEDICARE ELIGIBLES AT THIS TIME, IF THEY CHOSE THE COVERAGE WITH THEIR SPOUSES RESPECTIVE UNION IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GO TO YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY WITH A LIST OF YOUR MEDICATIONS AND THEY CAN RECOMMEND WHICH AVAILABLE PLAN IS BEST FOR YOU.

QUESTION: I am receiving the Medicare rebate for myself and also my spouse. When I die will my spouse continue to receive the rebate?

ANSWER: The survivor continues to be in the rebate program only if the CITY is paying the health coverage. If the CITY is not paying for the health plan then there is no justification for the CITY to provide a rebate.

NOTE: It is important to remember that the City will take the widowed spouse off the record for Medicare premium reimbursement. However, you are still entitled to all of the retroactive payments for both you and your

spouse up until his/her date of death. Since this payment is always a calendar year behind, It is incumbent upon the surviving spouse to ensure this payment is received. Contact the Employees Benefits Section 212- 513 - 0470.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL GUIDE FOR THE WIDOW / WIDOWER REGARDING NOTIFICATIONS THAT MUST BE MADE BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND INFORMATION YOU SHOULD HAVE ON HAND WHEN A RETIREE DIES:**

For Members appointed after June 30, 1940 and for members who merged from Transit/Housing as of May 1995- Notify NYC Police Pension Fund either in writing or by telephone at 233 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10279—Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit, Telephone (212) 693-5607/5919

For Members appointed prior to July 1, 1940 contact the NYCPD at 1 Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038, Telephone 646-610-8073/74 the Audits and Accounts Section, Article 1 You will need to provide the deceased first, middle and last name, the date of death, social security number, next of kin as well as the executor/of the estate and his/her address and phone number. You may also be required to provide, to complete certain records, the following: a copy of the will, a copy of the paid funeral bill, the original or certified copy of the death certificate and a certified copy of your marriage certificate and the surviving spouses social security number.

BE CERTAIN TO KEEP BENEFICIARY INFORMATION CURRENT AS MEMBERS MAY HAVE CHANGES IN SOCIAL CONDITION (MARRIED, SEPARATED, DIVORCED, ETC.) WITH BOTH THE PENSION SECTION AND YOUR UNION. ALSO, NOTIFY THE SAME ADDRESS CHANGES, AS WELL TO THE NYC HEALTH BENEFITS SECTION, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM OUR NY 10-13 ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA WEBSITE.

NEW YORK CITY — The city's largest police union has reached a new contract agreement with City Hall that is larger than the package provided to the other labor unions, signaling a reconciliation between New York's Finest and Mayor de Blasio as he enters a re-election year, DNAinfo New York has learned.

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and its 23,000 members have been working without a contract for five years.

Sources said the agreement provides retroactive increases of 1 percent for 2012; another 1.5 percent for 2013, 1.5 percent for 2014; another 2.5 percent in 2015, and 2.5 percent in 2015 with a 3 percent raise to kick in for 2016.

Those pay raises are in line with those given to the other uniformed services.

The deal also includes promises from the city to support legislation to fix inequities in the NYPD disabilities.

But in March, the NYPD officers will also receive another bump in their base pay of an additional 2.25 percent, which the city is treating as bonus for their efforts in neighborhood policing, sources say.

For years, the PBA has felt shortchanged by the city and has protested outside Gracie Mansion and even the Park Slope gym where de Blasio works out.

Their relations reached its lowest point when two NYPD officers were executed in December 2014, and union leaders laid some of the blame at the doorstep of City Hall for what they described as its anti-police sentiments.

But since then, de Blasio has become an increasing booster of the NYPD and its officers as the crime rates continued to fall in the Big Apple, and as the department has reduced aggressive stop-and-frisk police tactics while trying to build bridge to the communities they serve.

ALBANY— Seven days after blowing past the deadline, Gov. Cuomo and state leaders Friday night announced a deal on a new state \$153.1 billion budget.

“This was a very robust and very challenging agenda because these are challenging times,” Cuomo said.

The new plan includes the release of \$2.5 billion for affordable and supportive housing while also reviving for five years an expired tax credit for developers who create affordable housing.

With Cuomo calling it the most contentious issue of the negotiations, the budget agreement contains a provision to raise the age to 18, up from 16, that youths can be charged criminally.

Cuomo won his push for a free tuition for public college students from households with incomes of up to \$125,000— even as CUNY and SUNY were granted permission to raise their tuitions by \$200.

The budget also increases state tuition assistance funding for public and private college students, though not those who are the children of undocumented immigrants.

For the seventh straight year, state taxpayer-supported spending will be capped at 2% even while statewide education spending will grow by 4.4%, or \$1.1 billion — including \$386 million for New York City.

Charter schools will also see more money though a cap limiting how many there can be was left in place despite a push by Senate Republicans to lift it.

The budget deal extends a tax on millionaires and funds the first-year of a middle class tax cut approved last year. It provides \$200 million to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic.

It also requires the videotaping of criminal interrogations for the first time.

Gov. Cuomo and New York lawmakers have reached an agreement on a new state budget deal. (Howard Simmons/New York Daily News)

The expansion of ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft to the suburbs and upstate is authorized. Workers' compensation reforms were approved and \$2.5 billion will be provided for clean water projects. There's also \$10 million for immigrant legal services.

**Settling a longstanding dispute between the city and its police union, newer cops will now receive the same higher disability benefits as older ones.**

One big issue that dropped out of the budget agreement in the final hours was a one-year extension of the expiring law giving Mayor de Blasio control over the city schools. Instead, the Legislature, at the insistence of the Senate Republicans, who have been warring with de Blasio, will take the issue up later in the spring.

Meanwhile, bracing for potential federal cuts, the new deal specifies that if Congress cuts funding to New York by at least \$850 million, the governor's budget director will develop a



plan to make spending cuts that will automatically go into effect unless the Legislature imposes its own reductions within 90 days.

Cuomo said the provision provides certainty for the state and that he would not have signed off on a budget deal without it.

The Legislature rejected Cuomo's push to create new inspector generals he'd appoint for SUNY, CUNY, the state Education Department, and the Port Authority.

Instead, a new governor-appointed special prosecutor will be able to look into crimes committed at the Port Authority and MTA.

The budget also has its share of pork-barrel spending, included another \$385 million for the controversial State and Municipal Facilities Program used by Cuomo and lawmakers to fund pet projects throughout New York.

The final budget deal came after several weeks of contentious talks that not only left increasingly weary lawmakers stuck in Albany for two weeks, but also without paychecks thanks to a 1998 law that says legislators cannot be paid until a new budget is in place.

The agenda was "very challenging" for state lawmakers and Gov. Cuomo to finalize the deal. (Mike Groll/AP)

The Legislature on Monday enacted legislation to extend the previous budget for two months.

Legislators complained that Cuomo was stuffing too many policy initiatives into the budget in hopes of furthering a potential 2020 presidential run.

Cuomo Friday night praised the legislative leaders for working to finally reach a deal on the latest budget during his seven years in office.

"The Legislature has done the best work I've seen since being governor," he said.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, who kept his members in Albany even as the Senate Republicans left on Wednesday, said, "these are important and thoughtful investments that will continue to serve the best interests of New Yorkers for generations to come."

Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, called the deal "the product of hard work and compromise" while Sen. Jeffrey Klein, who heads a breakaway group of eight Democrats who are aligned with the GOP, called it "a budget that changes New York for the better."

But Senate Democratic Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) said the deal represents progress but also missed opportunities on issues like the DREAM Act, stronger criminal justice reforms, and full-funding for the state's public education system.

"This budget deal moves us forward, but we can do more to protect New Yorkers' rights and build a stronger, fairer state," Stewart-Cousins said.

The Assembly plans to complete passage of the budget sometime Saturday. The Senate hasn't mentioned when it will return to Albany to give a final passage.

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POPPA (Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance) operates a helpline for Retirees 24 hours a day/7 days a week. POPPA is a free and confidential program which helps individuals cope with a wide range of personal issues, including depression, anxiety, family situations, alcohol and pain medication abuse, and even suicidal thoughts or intentions. Retirees can call and speak to another retiree and if needed receive a referral to mental health professional.

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**Three important bills passed this session and are headed for the Governor's desk:**

SB-128 Burden of Proof by Sen. Rob Bradley (and Rep. Bobby Payne) Restores the presumption of innocence in self-defense cases by putting the burden of proof BACK ON THE STATE where it belongs. The bill was amended by the House to lower the standard of evidence in the immunity hearing from "beyond all reasonable doubt" to "clear and convincing." SB-128 then PASSED the House 74-39 and was sent back to the Senate. The Senate then PASSED it 22-14.

SB-1052 Justifiable Use of Force by Sen. David Simmons (and Rep. Cord Byrd) is a glitch bill to fix a drafting error made by legislative staff in a 2014 bill dealing with the Castle Doctrine law. It is a very important bill because the error has been interpreted to mean that a person must be under attack in his/her own home before exercising self-defense. This bill corrects that drafting error. SB-1052 PASSED the House 77-41 and the Senate PASSED it 23-14.

HB-467 CW License Fees by Rep. Jake Raburn (and Sen. Dana Young) is a 56 page Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services agency bill that contains language to reduce the license fees for a Concealed Weapons and Firearms License. An initial 7-year license fee is reduced from \$60 to \$55 and a 7-year renewal license is reduced from \$50 to \$45. HB-467 PASSED the House 117-0 and PASSED the Senate 35-1



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Dear Medicare-Eligible Retiree,

***Please see below for the payment schedule for reimbursement for Medicare Part B and IRMAA.***

*Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Payment for Medicare Part B*

If you, or your dependent, are Medicare-eligible, and you are currently receiving your pension payment through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your Medicare Part B reimbursement for 2016 will be deposited directly into your bank account in June 2017.

This payment will be a separate deposit from your pension payment. Please check your bank statement for the actual posting date of the payment.

If you do not have EFT or direct deposit for your pension payments, you will be issued your 2016 Medicare Part B reimbursement by check which will be sent to you via regular mail in June 2017.

If you have never received Medicare Part B reimbursement, but are eligible for the benefit, you must submit a copy of your Medicare card, and/or your Medicare-eligible dependent's card, to the Health Benefits Program at the address above. (If you have already submitted your Medicare card you do not need to do anything.) Please include the retiree's name along with the last four digits of the retiree's Social Security number and the agency from which retired.

## *Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Payment for Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement for 2015*

If you paid more than the standard monthly reimbursement rate for Medicare Part B in calendar year 2015, as an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), you may be eligible for additional reimbursement. If you submitted the required documentation for calendar year 2015 Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement, your reimbursement for 2015 will be deposited directly into your bank account in April 2017.

To obtain information about eligibility requirements for IRMAA, visit our website at [nyc.gov/hbp](http://nyc.gov/hbp) and select the IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement PDF located in the Forms and Downloads section.

If you have any questions regarding the reimbursement process, please email the pertinent information relating to your questions to [medb@olr.nyc.gov](mailto:medb@olr.nyc.gov) or call (212) 513-0470. Please also include your name, the last four digits of your Social Security number, and the name of the agency from which you retired in your email.

Please note: If you do not wish for your Medicare Part B or IRMAA reimbursement to go to your bank account through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, you may opt out and receive a check for reimbursement by notifying the Health Benefits Program at the following email address: [medb@olr.nyc.gov](mailto:medb@olr.nyc.gov).

Please note that this reimbursement process does not apply to NYCTA civilian retirees.



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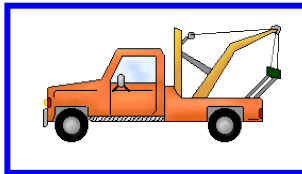
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