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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MICHAEL J. LANDI

I'm happy to report that we have received information from members that they have received letters from the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS) informing them that in the near future, NYCERS will be refunding their "Additional Member Contribution." We will continue working so that everyone who is qualified, both TA and OA, receive their monies.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2017, voters in New York State may be asked to vote to see if a convention be convened to revise and amend the New York State Constitution. Two items (albeit, there may be more) affecting civil service retirees and future retirees are (1)-Pensions cannot be diminished; (2)- Civil Service Pensions and Social Security Income are exempt from New York State Income Tax. We are encouraging our members, friends and relatives' living and voting in New York State to **"VOTE NO"** on amending the Constitution affecting Civil Service employees, retiree's, or their beneficiaries. To our members living out of state, inform you relatives living here in New York to **VOTE NO**.

At our June meeting we accepted nominations for council member. The new Council at its first meeting, voted on, and elected the Executive Board. The following are the Officers- President Michael J. Landi, Vice President Subway's Frank DeSimone, Vice President Buses Carlos Pacheco, Vice President Administration Patricia Courtney, Treasure Richard Di Puma, and Recording Secretary Ramone Paez.

At our meeting in June, council member Allen Rabinowitz reported that the Business Service Center (BSC) does not handle Short Term/Long Term Disability. Members requesting disability must go through their departments Human Resources representative. Members should refer to Policy Instruction 6.50 for more information before applying for disability.

We are amending our By Laws. Article IV (4) will be amended as follows- "Membership shall be open to persons employed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority who are not eligible for collective bargaining representation under state and local law and to those retired or otherwise

separated from such service."

Also, Article VI (6) of the By Laws will be amended as follows- "A minimum of three (3) regular meetings of the Association will be held each calendar year, as specified in the Standing Rules. The third (3) meeting of the year shall be the annual meeting."

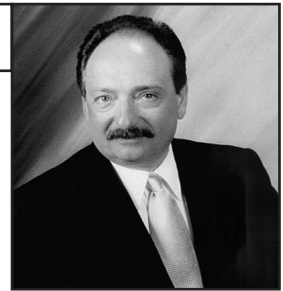
All TMBA members in the NYC Transit or MaBSTOA pension systems who are contemplating retirement, are urged to contact Mr. Frank Desimone at (917)-859-6843 to set up an appointment with Mr. Norman Rosenfeld. We are working on information for the MTA Bus Company Managers and hope to provide help with their retirement options in the future.

Although not official, retirees on Social Security may see the largest Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in six years. As fall approaches, it brings with it some possibly good news for those receiving SSI benefits. The Social Security Board is projecting a 2.1% Cost Of Living Adjustment. The 2018 adjustment will likely result in a \$30-\$60 a month increase. Official announcement of whether there will be an increase will not come until sometime in October.

At our September meeting, representatives from an outside firm "Group Benefits" spoke to our members on a Supplemental Health Insurance Benefits package offered only to active TMBA members. Anyone interested in more information please call (973)-947-4775 and ask for Liz Spinowitz.

Our annual award dinner will be held on Friday, the 3rd of November. This year's award recipients are Veronique Hakim who will receive our "Special Recognition" award. Edwin (Eddie) Melendez who will be awarded our "Manager of the Year Award," Department of Buses and Frank Jezycki, VP/CMO Division of Car Equipment who will be awarded our "Manager of the Year Award," Department of Subways. We look forward to seeing all our members in attendance to honor our awardees.

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The following winners of our yearly scholarship program will also be honored: -
First Place- Winner is Matthew J. Mullen. Son of William Mullen, Department of Buses.
Second Place- Winner is Resh ma Paul. Daughter of Elcho Paul, Department of Buses.
Third Place- Winner is Brigid McDonnell. Daughter of Richard McDonnell, Operation Planning.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Tony Abdallah @ 347-643-7713, Carlos A. Pacheco @ 718-306-4041, Ramon Paez @ 917-763-1709. Tickets are \$80.00 p/p.

My grandson Christopher, is working his way toward becoming an Eagle Scout, he was selling American Flags to raise money so he could send packages of personal items to our troops overseas. So far, he has sold upwards of 400 flags. On his behalf and mine, I would like to say thank you to those members who purchased flags or donated money to his project. To date, he is sending well over 200 parcels to our troops in uniform overseas. Thank You!

If you know of anyone retiring, or being promoted, please send the information to us at our P.O. Box

and we will place their names in the newsletter.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, the 9th of November at Riccardo's located at 21-01 24th Avenue, Astoria, N.Y. At that meeting we hope to have a representative from benefits as our guest speaker. We will **NOT** have a meeting in December.

RETIREES CORNER

Dear TMBA Retiree Member:

REMINDER: If you haven't mailed your **"2018" TMBA Retirees Membership dues** (\$35). (They were collected between August & September for the following year) If you would like to continue your membership, mail your check to:

Transit Managers Benevolent Association
Post Office Box 570087
Whitestone, N.Y. 11357-0087

If you already mailed your check,
please disregard this notice.

Transit Managerial Benevolent Association

Cordially Invites You to Attend Our General Membership Meeting



Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Riccardo's by the Bridge

Guest Speaker: Michael Moran, from Benefits.

21-01 24th Avenue, Astoria, N.Y. 11102, Tel. (718) 721-7777
(BQE-GCP/Triboro Bridge, Exit Hoyt Ave, to 21st St, Right to 24th Ave)
Dinner will be served at 5:45 P.M. meeting to follow

Please RSVP, ASAP: Email: MTATMBA@aol.com

Call: Mike Landi (917) 859-6842, Richard Di Puma (917) 859-6844, Ramon Paez (917) 763-1709
Frank De Simone (917) 859-6843, Patricia Courtney (347) 886-5613

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