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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MICHAEL J. LANDI

It's been a busy time for us this year. If you remember, last year we asked our members to vote "NO" here in New York on the NYS Constitution Convention. I am happy to report that 83% of voters defeated the proposal. Also 73% of voters approved to allow judges to reduce or strip the state pension of elected officials convicted of felonies related to their duties.

The 2019 General Membership meeting will continue to be held at Riccardo's By the Bridge in Queens. Meetings are Scheduled for June 6th, September 5th, and December 5th. Members are notified either by mail or our newsletter of upcoming meetings. Members can also go to our website at mtatmba.org for more information.

Reminder, if you move, please submit your new change of address so we can send you all TMBA correspondence.

At our general membership meetings, we try to have guest speakers and topic which may be of interest to the membership. We would like to hear from you the membership, suggestions you may have on future speakers and topics which you think would be of interest. Please send your suggestions to TMBA PO Box 570087, Whitestone, NY 11357-0087.

As you know by now that the New York State Law states, that if a public-sector Labor Organization Covers your title, you are required to pay dues whether you are a member or not of that Labor Organization. New York State, is what's known as an "Agency Shop". However, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) on June 27, 2018, ruled in a 5/4 decision on an Illinois case "Janus vs American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in which the court ruled that a "labor union cannot take dues from a nonmember employee if that employee did not elect to join." The court ruled that it is a violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution." Joining a union is a personal decision. As a non-union employee, you would still be entitled to the same benefits as a union member. However, the union would not be obligated to represent non-members in any disciplinary proceedings.

We have revised our By-Laws regarding membership. We have opened our membership into the TMBA to employees of MTA who are not eligible for collective bargaining representation under state local law and to those retired or otherwise separated from such service.

Do you still write checks? Be aware of mailbox fishing and check washing **SCAMS**. Consider using a Uniball 207 pen to write your check with. Also consider depositing your mail inside the Post Office as opposed to placing your mail in a street corner collection mailbox.

Drivers Licenses will be invalid for identification purposes on all domestic flights by October 1, 2020.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is rolling out the new requirement nationwide. What you need to know-New York residents need either a gold star or an enhanced drivers license. For more information check with the TSA at www.tsa.gov or your state's Department of Motor Vehicles.

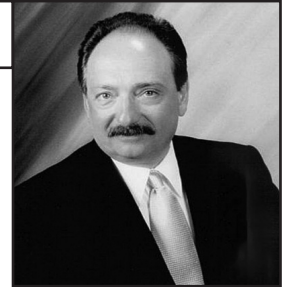
Congratulations to Carlos Pacheco on his promotion to Assistant General Manager, Department of Buses. We wish Carlos much success in his new title.

Congratulations to MTA Chapin Rabbi Harry Berkowitz, Allen Rabinowitz, Theresa M. Workman-love, John Gaito, and Patricia Courtney on their retirement. We wish them a long, healthy and prosperous retirement.

Also, Congratulations to Rev. Fr. George Anastasiou becoming Head Chaplin for MTA. Rev. Fr. George replaces Rabbi Harry Berkowitz. We wish the Rev. Fr. much success. Call his office direct at 1-347-643-7381 for anyone needing assistance from the Chaplin.

Congratulations to retired DOB Superintendent Richard Di Puma's son Richard on his graduation from the NYPD Police Academy. We wish Richard success in his new position and thank him for his service.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of retired TMBA member Dennis Pebble. Retired General Superintendent RTO, Joseph A. Russotti father of retired Superintendent RTO Joseph Russotti, Frank Cabera retired DOB Superintendent and Liberty Daflos, mother of retired TMBA Member Michael Daflos. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

If you know anyone retiring, or being promoted, or articles which may be of interest to the membership please send the information to

TMBA, P.O. Box 570087, Whitestone, NY, 11357-0087 and we will place their names and article in our newsletter.

Also, please note, when you need to speak to a member of the Executive Board, I suggest if you are an operational manager from Department of Buses call Carlos Pacheco at 718-614-8042, if you are an operational manager from the Department of Subways, call Frank DeSimone at 917-859-6843, and if you are an Administrative Manager, call Debra Martinez at 917-881-2606 for assistance.

RETIREES CORNER

This is a reminder that September is time to renew your 2020 retirees membership. We asked that you mail your 2020 dues by the end of September in order to continue your 2020 membership with the TMBA Retiree’s Group. Dues are \$35 a year. This is the final notice for dues. In the event we do not receive your dues by end of September, your membership will be cancelled for 2020. If you are not sure your dues are up to date, e-mail us at: mtatmba@aol.com

Thank you for your continued support in our Retirees Group.

“Dues are not tax deductible”

Thinking of Retiring?
See TMBA’s Pension Consultant First for Valuable Services FREE to ALL Members who are in Good Standing for 3 years.

If you have less than 5 years before reaching your pension eligible age and years, our pension consultant, Norman Rosenfeld can help you (**presently, TA & Mabstoa pensions only**). He can assist you with the process and answer your questions. Mr. Rosenfeld retired from NYCERS as a Deputy Director and now offers pension consulting for NYC government employees. Please contact Frank DeSimone at 917-859-6843. Upon validating at least 3 years of current TMBA membership, you will be given contact info to make an appointment for a **free consultation (once every 12 months)**. If you need to have more than 1 consultation within a 12-month period, you will be responsible for the fee.

Transit Managerial Benevolent Association
Cordially Invites You to Attend Our General Membership Meeting



Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Ricardo’s by the Bridge
Guest Speaker: Joel Andrews, Vice President, EEO
MTA NYC Transit Office of Equal Employment Opportunity



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, Carlos Pacheco (718) 614-8042, Richard Di Puma (917) 859-6844, Ramon Paez (917) 763-1709, Frank De Simone (917) 859-6843, or Debra Martinez (917) 881-2606

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