



Manasota 1013® News

"AN ORGANIZATION OF RETIRED NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS OF ALL RANKS"

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THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 6 PM

FOP Lodge #3, Sarasota

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members of the Manasota 10-13 Club,

We all thought that when 2020 ended we would start to see a turnaround for the better for 2021. Unfortunately, we have had a horrific start to 2021. We lost to COVID-19 one of the Finest of the Finest, our own Louis Lebron, Club's Health/Welfare Officer & Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. I don't need to tell you that this a great loss, not only devastating his family and friends, but to our Club. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to wife Rose, sons Michael, Marc, Mother Ida and the rest of the Family. Many of our 10-13 Club members attended the viewing and services held 1/25 & 1/26. The Club has sent a Mass card & the Board Members sent a spray of flowers with a NYPD sash. We will soon present our NYPD triangle Flag & inscribed case to the Lebron Family as is our custom. Lou, you will be missed, rest in eternal peace!

More sad news for the 10-13 Clubs in general as we also lost NY 10-13 Associations of America, COO Nick Miele to COVID-19 as well. Our N.Y. 10-13 Association is in mourning for Nick who was such an integral part of our Organization especially here in Florida. There is a N.Y. 10-13 Associations of America quarterly Club President's meeting scheduled for 2/27/21. Our Board of directors will be in attendance. I am hoping that we will be able to name a new COO and Treasurer for our association at this meeting. It is going to be very hard to find someone as dedicated as Nick to perform all his tasks for the Clubs. May Nick rest in eternal peace!

The **January & February** Manasota 10-13 Club meetings have been **cancelled** for a couple of reasons; recently there has been a spike in the severity of COVID cases in our area and in order to give our members more time to receive the vaccine. Many of our 65+ yoa members are on the waiting lists to receive the vaccine, so the Board decided to wait until the March 16th St. Patrick's meeting to reconvene our Club Meetings. This will be a combined meeting with the FOP Lodge #3 members serving corn beef & cabbage, \$10.00 pp. Plans are tentative depending on the CDC regulations & the state of COVID-19 virus. More information to come at a later date.

The Sarasota County Parks & Recreation has not opened there schedule for renting the pavilion for our annual picnic. So, I'm sorry to say that the picnic of 4/25/21 will **not** be held in the Spring of this year. Perhaps we can hold one sometime in the Fall?

IMPORTANT: Those planning on paying their dues before the **deadline of 2/28/21** in order to receive the early pay discount, **PLEASE PAY \$30.00 DUES BY MAIL TO: JOE TIMMONS 1036 MARLIN LAKES CIRCLE, APT.1418, SARASOTA, FL 34232.**

Be well, stay safe, Fraternally, Tony.

Anthony

From: Anthony <tjmarone@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Anthony "Tony" Marone * **
Subject: Agenda for March 16, 2021 Manasota 10-13 Club Meeting

Importance: High

MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB AGENDA FOR MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING
PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASKS TO THE MEETING

- Prayer/moment of silence
- Pledge to the flag
- Call to order
- Determination of Quorum
- Reading/Approval of last meeting's minutes. (Found in monthly e-mailed Club's newsletter.)

- **Guest Speaker**
 - None scheduled for this meeting

- **Committee Reports**
 - President's Report
 - Vice President's Report
 - Treasurer's Report – Reading/approval of report.
 - Health & Welfare Report

- **Old Business**
 - New 10-13 Club License Plates (specially made) are in stock and for sale for **\$10.00** each.
 - Manasota 10-13 Club POLO Shirts now in stock embroidered on blue shirt for only **\$25.00**. Also have blue or gray "T" Shirts with 10-13 white shield for **\$10.00**. See Sgt-at-Arms/Quartermaster Tim Van Schultz, 941-232-9823.

- **New Business**
 - **Reminder:** The Office of Labor Relations has moved from Rector Street to: Office of Labor Relations, Retiree Section, 22 Cortlandt Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007, Phone # 212-513-0470, 9AM to 4PM, Monday to Friday, if they are answering phones? OLR has temporarily closed due to Corona Virus. E-mail forms to <https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net>. Latest USPS mailing address I have for those without a computer or knowledge of same is **NYC Health Benefits Program, Part B Differential Unit, Church Street Station, PO Box 3478, New York, NY 10008-3478**. Related web sites for information: WWW1.NYC.GOV/HBP or WWW.NYC.GOV/OLR. The Part "B" Reimbursement is to be paid the end of March, 2021. The said form is in this Newsletter.
 - Nomination of Health & Welfare Officer.

- **Volunteers needed for Newsletter Editor and Web Master.**
 - **Good of the Order**
 - **Comments from the membership/items to be added. (Attendees).**
 - **50/50 winners announced at end of meeting. (Tim).**
 - **Sick & Distressed**
 - **Sadly report the passing of our Health & Welfare Officer/Newsletter Editor, LOUIS "LOU" LEBRON succumbed to CORONA Virus. Will be greatly missed. May Lou rest in peace.**
 - **Sadly report the passing of our National 10-13 COO & Interim Treasurer, NICHOLAS "NICK" MIELE also succumbed to CORONA Virus. Will be sorely missed by all the N.Y. 10-13 Associations of America and their respective membership.**
 - **Adjournment**
 - **Motion to adjoin and seconded at this time needed to close Meeting.**
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MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MEETING DATES - 2021 (TENTATIVE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, St. Patrick's Day, corned beef, cabbage & trimmings \$10.00 pp, 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, PICNIC CANCELLED - NO MEETING THIS MONTH.

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, Food at 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, Food at 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

JULY - NO MEETING HELD.

AUGUST - NO MEETING HELD.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, October Fest, Brats & trimmings. Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, Columbus Day, Spaghetti & meatballs. Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH Thanksgiving, Turkey & trimmings, \$10.00 pp, Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST Christmas/Chanukah, Ham & trimmings, \$10.00 pp Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).

MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MINUTES DECEMBER 15TH, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tony Marone called to order the meeting of the MANASOTA 10-13 Club held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 3 Sarasota, at 7pm.

II. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

Invocation by President Tony Marone

Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Lee Reeves.

The following board members were present: A Quorum was met.

President- Tony Marone

Vice President- Lee Reeves

Treasurer- Joe Timmons

Newsletter Editor & Health and Welfare Officer- Lou Lebron (Excused)

Club Historian - Vic Rohe

Sgt. at Arms/Quartermaster- Tim Van Schultz

Secretary- Reenie Ram

14 additional members were in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Tom De Mange made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, 2nd by Henrietta Lange, approved.

No Guest Speakers

Tony Marone brought up the topic of having your concealed carry permit that it is good for 7 years when issued for renewal in Florida. Reciprocity exists with 31 other states but not New York or New Jersey. If you plan on carrying in the other states you need to get your HR218 course and ID card issued which is good in ALL 50 States. You can go to the SarasotaSheriff.org website to register to take their HR-218 qualifying course conducted twice a year. An added benefit here in Florida that you can take advantage of is the US Law Shield Company that will cover you if you are involved in a shooting or a gun related incident without charge for an attorney, for a reasonable annual fee. You can go to their website at USLAWSHIELD.COM or call 1-877-448-6839.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report-

The Medicare Reimbursement for 2019 shortage should be a deposit of \$318 or \$636 if married), if you are disabled or on Social Security. Contact info. 212-513-0470.

Medicare Part "B" Differential Reimbursement should be sent out in March 2021, in the same manner as your pension check. There could be a delay due to COVID-19 as to when they re-open IRMAA money should be paid out soon.

The Tunnels to Towers annual donation of \$1013.00 will be made on behalf of the Manasota 10-13 Club for 2020. Also they are a 501 (c) 3 tax exemption and you can personally donate to them using the forms left on the tables.

V.P. report-

Lee Reeves spoke about an article brought to him by Kenny Kleinlein which discusses the Inordinate amount of people leaving via retirement, going to other Agencies and or quitting the NYPD.



V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Membership applications are in the newsletter, please actively recruit new members.
- B. Forms distributed for subscription to Spring 3100.
- C. Polo shirts are available for \$25 and T-shirts are \$10 for gray and \$15 for White or Blue with 5 color logos, see Quartermaster Tim Van-Schultz, 941-232-9823.
- D. Club Dues are at \$30 now and will be \$40 after 3/1/2021. Emails and Newsletters will NOT be sent to delinquent members. Treasurer Joe Timmons will send out emails.
- E. Members of the 10-13 club with expired ID cards get the benefit of receiving them through the mail. As of now the COVID-19 has caused delays.
- F. New 10-13 Club License Plates (specially made) are in stock and for sale for \$10.00 each.
- G. To place business card ads in the 10-13 Newsletter for the calendar year 2021, please make a \$35.00 check out to Manasota 10-13 Club, mail actual business card and check to Joe Timmons, 1036 Marlin Lakes Circle Apt# 1418, Sarasota, Fl. 34232.
PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!
- H. Need to update any changes to your personal info with Lou when appropriate. **MOST IMPORTANT:** We need everyone's DOB, Appointment Date and Retirement Date on file. Forms available at meeting, please turn them in to Lou Lebron.
- I. Other 10-13 Clubs have made donations to the Tunnel to Towers Fund by Frank Siller for Stephen Siller in the amount of \$1013.00 yearly. The website for this fund gives 97% of funds directly to the families and 3% to administration costs. The proposal is for each month when we meet to pass a collection plate and see what we receive by year's end. Also included would be the 50/50 money the Club makes to compensate the remaining balance of \$1,013.00 total annual contribution.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The office of Labor Relations personnel are working from home. Web site still says that the office is closed, but accepting electronic forms. You can go to the web page for Medicare Part B Reimbursement for forms and information at WWW.NYC.GOV/OLR then file electronically at [HTTP://NYCEMPLOYEEBENEFITS.LEAPFILE.NET](http://NYCEMPLOYEEBENEFITS.LEAPFILE.NET) .

- B. Nominations for Sgt. at Arms is Tim Van Schultz and motion by Tony Marone and Lou Bavaro seconded the motion and no opposed, motion carried. Nominations for the Secretary is Reenie Ram and motion by Tony Marone and Vic Rohe seconded the motion and no opposed, motion carried. This is a two year positions to be held starting January 2021 through December 2023.
- C. No January 2021 meeting will be held due to COVID-19 and the close proximity of the December meeting. We will reconvene on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021.
- D. Volunteers are needed to help the FOP with repairs on the building. Anyone who is part of a trade or just a handyman would be greatly appreciated.
- E. A motion was brought that any Lifetime Members prior to the age of 80 must attend a minimum of 3 meetings to be entitled to the Lifetime Membership with no dues. Sign in sheets will provide the documentation of said member's attendance. The motion was brought by Paul Redecha and tabled for further discussion at next meeting. This type of change needs a by-law amendment to revise the existing by-laws. Elderly members find it hard to attend meetings in person due to health reasons and transportation issues.

VII. SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please continue your prayers for all of our recovering members to return to good health. Member Woody Schuessler who is recovering from Gall Bladder. In this upcoming week our member Andy Herr will be undergoing knee replacement surgery. Prayers are requested for all to a speedy and healthy recovery.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. 50/50 was conducted, 1st prize of \$25 to Lou Bavaro, 2nd prize of \$15 to Reenie Ram which was donated back to the club, 3rd prize of \$10 to Tom De Mange which was donated back to the club.
- B. Thanks to Lee Reeves, Joe Timmons and Tony Marone for volunteering to clean and sanitize the FOP building for our meeting to keep us all safe and healthy.
- C. Thanks to Paul Redecha and Elmer Johnson (FOP) for their involvement and preparation of our wonderful Christmas Ham dinner and trimmings.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Redecha made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Henrietta Lange and approved by the members. Meeting closed at 8:20 PM.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ MALE () FEMALE ()

HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

BUSINESS PHONE (____) _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

WEDDING DATE _____ SPOUSE'S DOB _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTH DATE _____ LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY _____

TAX # _____ APPOINTMENT DATE _____ RETIREMENT DATE _____

RETIREMENT MODE: SERVICE () ORDINARY DISABILITY () ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY () VESTED ()

LAST COMMAND _____ LAST RANK HELD _____

PREVIOUS COMMANDS _____

I declare my desire for membership in the Manasota 10-13 Club, Inc. I will submit my membership fee and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by the 1ST of March each year to remain a member in good standing. I attest that I am a bona fide honorably retired Law Enforcement Officer.

SIGNED _____ DATED _____

Make Check Payable To: Manasota 10-13 Club, Inc.

Joe Timmons
1036 Marlin Lakes Circle,
Apt.1418, Sarasota, Fl
34232

MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$30.00
LATE RENEWAL FEE
AFTER 2/28, ADD
\$10.00.



1/29/21

Today is an important day. We are exactly six months away from the deadline for hundreds, if not thousands of families to register claims for their loved ones who died of WTC-related illnesses. That means we have just six months to spread the word to these 9/11 families who have not yet registered, before their time to register runs out.

The Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) requires death claims to be registered within 2 years of a responder or non-responder's passing. So many families missed the deadline either because they didn't realize that they were eligible or because they were previously told that they were too late to register. In an incredible act of compassion, the VCF's Special Master extended the deadline for widows, widowers and families who missed the strict time limit to register.

The deadline to register older death claims has been extended until July 29, 2021.

While the VCF has been permanently extended, after July 29th any family who does not register the claim within two years of their loved one's death will be ineligible for compensation. Since more than 1/3 of the families who have retained our firm in the past year did so more than two years after losing their loved one, we know that there are many other families who still don't realize that they are entitled to an award which could provide them with financial security.

Please help us spread the word about this impending deadline to anyone who you think should take advantage of this last chance to register. Let's use every minute of these next six months to help as many families as possible.

With deep respect,
Michael Barasch

FYI, THESE ARE THE RESPONSE LETTERS I RECEIVED 1/04/2021 FROM BOTH NEW YORK STATE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES & EMBLEM HEALTH REGARDING MY COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MEMBERS ABOUT THE GHI 1983 RATE OF PAYING CLAIMS AND LACK OF PARTICIPATING GHI DOCTORS IN OUR AREA. PLEASE READ LETTERS BELOW, FRATERNALLY,



Department of Financial Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

LINDA A. LACEWELL
Superintendent

Mr. & Mrs.

Sarasota, FL 34238

December 29, 2020

RE: Dept. File #: CSB-2020-1
Your Complaint Against: Group Health Incorporated (GHI)

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

This letter refers to the complaint you filed with this Department.

We received the attached information from GHI in response to your complaint. As GHI indicates, network adequacy standards only apply to the insurer's in-state service area. There are no laws applicable to networks outside of the state.

In addition, this Department does not have the ability to require GHI to increase the rate it pays to providers, whether in-network or out-of-network.

We regret our inability to assist you further, but hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Tammy Burgess
Financial Services Examiner 4, Consumer Assistance Unit
518-486-6808
212-480-6282 (Fax)

Attachment



55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041-8190

August 28, 2020

New York State Department of Financial Services
Consumer Assistance Unit
One Commerce Plaza
Albany, NY 12257

CPLT
(Members)
ID #: 930890399
Inquiry #: 136619
File #: CSB-2020-
LOB: NYC
NAIC #: 55239
Coverage/Type of Policy: Group(CNY)/Off Exchange
Plan Name: Group Health Incorporated
Underwriting Entity: GHI

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter responds to the inquiry that you submitted on behalf of the above complainant, which was received on 07/27/2020. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] complained about several issues which includes their concerns that EmblemHealth has a limited participating network outside of the tri-area, and our website does not display accurate information about a provider participating status.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] are enrolled in an EmblemHealth PPO Plan through the City of New York effective 10/01/1983. Medical benefits are provided to employees and retirees of the City of New York under the City of New York Comprehensive Benefits Plan (CBP) Program.

The CBP is one of approximately 11 health plans sponsored by the City of New York (the "City") from which City employees and retirees can choose to enroll themselves and their eligible family members. The CBP is a preferred provider organization (PPO) plan that covers services of in-network providers and also enables members to select out-of-network providers and to submit a claim to GHI for reimbursement at the rates set forth under the applicable reimbursement schedule, which is unique to the CBP.

The CBP is paid for entirely by the City, and members pay no out-of-pocket premiums, unless, the member purchases the Optional Rider. The terms of the CBP have been heavily negotiated between GHI, the City, and the group of Municipal Unions (the "Unions") that represent City employees and retirees. The City bears the cost of CBP employees and retirees.

Although GHI has an extensive number of in-network providers that accept the CBP, the vast majority of those providers are located within the tri-state region. The City and the Unions are well aware of the geographic scope of the network for which they contracted under the CBP. Members are told that GHI's reimbursement for out-of-network services represents less than the cost of the service and is based on 1983 procedure rates that have not increased since that time.

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Initially, please be aware that GHI is licensed to conduct the business of insurance in New York State only and New York State is GHI's service area. While GHI does strive to have network providers available to members outside of New York State, and in particularly in states neighboring New York, such out of state provider availability is not subject to network adequacy standards and is provided solely for the convenience of our members.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, part of EmblemHealth's mission is to provide members access to some of the most qualified and respected providers in the area in which they reside. Our Provider Network Management department is consistently reviewing the access to providers for members residing outside of New York State.

In the spirit of accessibility, EmblemHealth updates it's on line provider directory via the website daily. However, the provider directory may contain names and telephone numbers of providers who no longer participate in our network or who have stopped practicing. Providers are advised to contact EmblemHealth if their circumstances or information changes. We suggest that the member also contact our Customer Service Department directly to confirm their participation.

Please be advised that members have always had the opportunity to submit names of local providers to EmblemHealth's Professional Relations division requesting that an information packet be sent to the provider as to how to apply to become an EmblemHealth participating provider. Members may also speak to their local providers and request that they apply to become a participating provider. Providers interested in participation may apply through EmblemHealth's website. Providers should access the website (www.EmblemHealth.com), select "Provider", then select "Join our Network" and follow the directions on how to join EmblemHealth's Network. In addition, members can submit their request to the provider to participate or to Customer Service, who will send the request to our Provider Relation Management Department to reach out and recruit the provider. At this time, however, please note that our out of state network is closed.

complaint does not indicate that they have been denied any benefits to which they are entitled as a CBP members. Under CBP, Mr. and Mrs. have the option to see out-of-network providers and to submit a claim to GHI for reimbursement at the rates set forth under the applicable reimbursement schedule.

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Should your office require any further assistance, please contact Masuka Akter, Sr. Specialist at (646) 447-6100 or by Fax (212)-510-5475.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Martino

Jennifer Martino
VP, G&A and Operations Compliance
Grievance & Appeal Department

JM/ma

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE FOR MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MEMBERS

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE **WILL NOT** BE A FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING.

WHEN MAILING IN YOUR 10-13 CLUB DUES TO TREASURER JOE TIMMONS, PLEASE USE HIS **NEW ADDRESS**. DUES ARE DUE BY **2/28/2021 IN ORDER** TO RECEIVE YOUR \$10.00 EARLY PAY DISCOUNT. PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO "MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB" FOR **\$30.00** MAIL TO:

**MR. JOE TIMMONS,
1036 MARLIN LAKES CIRCLE, APT. # 1418
SARASOTA, FL 34232**

UNPAID MEMBERS WILL BE TAKEN OFF OUR E-MAIL MAILING LIST.
IF YOU ARE DROPPING OUT OF THE CLUB, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO I WON'T KEEP ASKING FOR YOUR DUES.
IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR **2021 DUES**, THANK YOU & **PLEASE DISREGARD**.

STAY SAFE, BE WELL,
FRATERNALLY, TONY
CELL 941-706-6324.
TJMARONE@VERIZON.NET



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Ken Kleinlein

IRS WARNS OF INCOME TAX SCAMS



As tax season approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to be on the lookout for an array of tax scams related to identity theft and refund fraud. Every tax season, there is an increase in schemes that target innocent taxpayers by email, phone, and on-line.

Some of the most prevalent IRS impersonation scams:

Requesting fake tax payments: The IRS has seen automated calls where scammers leave urgent callback requests telling taxpayers to call back to settle their “tax bill.” These fake calls generally claim to be the last warning before legal action is taken. Taxpayers may also receive live calls from IRS impersonators. They may demand payments on prepaid debit cards, iTunes and other gift cards or wire transfer. The IRS reminds taxpayers that any request to settle a tax bill using any of these payment methods is a clear indication of a scam. ([IR-2016-99](#))

Targeting students and parents and demanding payment for a fake “Federal Student Tax”: Telephone scammers are targeting students and parents demanding payments for fictitious taxes, such as the “Federal Student Tax.” If the person does not comply, the scammer becomes aggressive and threatens to report the student to the police to be arrested. ([IR-2016-107](#))

Sending a fraudulent IRS bill for tax year 2015 related to the Affordable Care Act: The IRS has received numerous reports around the country of scammers sending a fraudulent version of CP2000 notices for tax year 2015. Generally, the scam involves an email or letter that includes the fake CP2000. The fraudulent notice includes a payment request that taxpayers mail a check made out to “I.R.S.” to the “Austin Processing Center” at a Post Office Box address. ([IR-2016-123](#))

Soliciting W-2 information from payroll and human resources professionals: Payroll and human resources professionals should be aware of phishing email schemes that pretend to be from company executives and request personal information on employees. The email contains the actual name of the company chief executive officer. In this scam, the “CEO” sends an email to a company payroll office employee and requests a list of employees and financial and personal information including Social Security numbers (SSN). ([IR-2016-34](#))

Imitating software providers to trick tax professionals: Tax professionals may receive emails pretending to be from tax software companies. The email scheme requests the recipient download and install an important software update via a link included in the e-mail. Upon completion, tax professionals believe they have downloaded a software update when in fact they have loaded a program designed to track the tax professional’s key strokes, which is a common

tactic used by cyber thieves to steal login information, passwords and other sensitive data. ([IR-2016-103](#))

“Verifying” tax return information over the phone: Scam artists call saying they have your tax return, and they just need to verify a few details to process your return. The scam tries to get you to give up personal information such as a SSN or personal financial information, including bank numbers or credit cards. ([IR-2016-40](#))

Pretending to be from the tax preparation industry: The emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. The phishing schemes ask taxpayers about a wide range of topics. E-mails or text messages can seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information. ([IR-2016-28](#))

If you receive an unexpected call, unsolicited email, letter or text message from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here are some of the tell-tale signs to help protect yourself.

The IRS Will Never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer or initiate contact by e-mail or text message. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If you get a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money you should:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Search the web for telephone numbers scammers leave in your voicemail asking you to call back. Some of the phone numbers may be published online and linked to criminal activity.
- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their [“IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting”](#) web page or call 800-366-4484.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the [“FTC Complaint Assistant”](#) on FTC.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.
- If you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

Florida Department of Consumer Protection has Issued a warning on Tax Scams.



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Adam H. Putnam, Commissioner

Warning Signs

- You receive collection calls or bills for products you or your family did not receive.
- You are denied credit.
- You or a member of your family is denied government benefits because the benefits are being paid to another account using your or your family member's SSN.
- You are notified by the Internal Revenue Service that more than one tax return using your SSN has been filed within one year.
- You owe additional tax, refund offset, or had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return.

For additional information, contact 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) or visit www.800helpfla.com.

IRS doesn't tell 1 million taxpayers that illegal immigrants stole their Social Security numbers

The IRS has discovered more than 1 million Americans whose Social Security numbers were stolen by illegal immigrants, but officials never bothered to tell the taxpayers themselves, the agency's inspector general said in a report.

If you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov.

Take Care, be careful, and I'll see you at the next Crime Scene.

God Bless and protect our military, police officers, fire fighters and EMT's.

Ken is a former detective with the NYPD special frauds squad coordinating with local, state, and federal law enforcement, and accredited security companies, on matters of crime prevention and public information

Manasota 10-13 Club Members, just received from a former co-worker.

I know that there are a lot of questions as to why there has not been a confirmation sent out to those that have applied for their Part "B" reimbursement. Checks are supposed to be sent out the end of March 2021. Be safe, stay well, Fraternally, Tony.

For Your Information

On Monday, February 1st, I emailed NYCHHealthBenefits (OLR) @ healthbenefits@olr.nyc.gov inquiring whether they had received my Medicare Part B Differential Request Form.

Below is their answer:

Until processed we cannot confirm receipt. Processing will start in late February.



**New York City Office of Labor Relations
Health Benefits Program
nyc.gov/olr**



2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form

The City of New York Health Benefits Program reimburses eligible retirees and their eligible dependents for their standard Medicare Part B premiums. Please note that the 2019 Medicare Part B reimbursement was issued in April 2020.

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM:

- If your Medicare enrollment effective date was during calendar year 2016 or later (because you already received the monthly maximum standard reimbursement of \$135.50).
- If you have applied, or intend to apply, for IRMAA reimbursement for 2019. (The additional differential payment will be issued to you automatically - separate from your IRMAA payment in October 2020.)

Please note: Penalties relating to late Medicare Part B enrollment are not reimbursed.

COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY:

If your 2019 monthly Medicare Part B premium was between \$110.00 and \$135.50 because:

- Your Medicare Part B, and/or your dependent's Medicare Part B, effective date is prior to 2016.
- You and/or your dependent did not receive Social Security benefits; therefore, you were billed directly for Medicare Part B premiums.
- You were newly enrolled in Medicare Part B in 2019 and did not receive the higher reimbursement because you are a member of TIAA (CUNY), Brooklyn Public Library, Queens Public Library or are a Line of Duty Survivor.

Section I: Retiree Information (Please print)

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Social Security Number: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Section II: Eligible Dependent Information

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Social Security Number: _____

Section III: Required Documentation

- If you are receiving Social Security Benefits, submit your 2019 Form SSA-1099
- If you are NOT receiving Social Security Benefits, submit
 - CMS – 500 Notice of Medicare Payment due, or
 - Proof of monthly Medicare Part B payments, such as bank statements, if you are directly billed for Medicare Part B premiums

Please submit this form, along with all required documents, electronically to:

<https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net>

Once we receive and process your Medicare Part B Differential Request Form you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail. **This payment will be issued during the first quarter of 2021.**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX - OFFICE USE ONLY	
Processor Name	Processing Date

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION SHEET

Instructions For Continuing Health Coverage To Widows

Effective November 13, 2001, New York State law provided surviving spouses of retired uniformed members of the New York City Police and Fire Departments the ability to continue their health benefits coverage for life. Such coverage will be at a premium of 102% of the group rate and must be elected within one (1) year of the date of the death of the member. Contact the Health Benefits Program, in writing, enclose a copy of the members' death certificate and you will receive a Continuation of Coverage- Chapter 436 Application. The application needs to be completed and signed by the spouse or the registered domestic partner of the deceased member.

Mail request and the copy of death certificate to:
Retired Employee Health Benefits Section
Attention – Lynda Harris
22 – Cortlandt Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Once the Application is complete it must be mailed to the health plan that you select which in most cases is what you had before the death. However, you may select a different plan.

The coverage will be retroactive to the date of the retiree's death and the selected health plan will bill the widow directly. The City will no longer be involved in health coverage nor will there be a Medicare rebate check after the date of the retiree's death, if the widow was also on Social Security, paying for Medicare premiums, unless under the following circumstances:

Some years ago, due to the large number of NYC active Police and Fire Officers who died at the World Trade Center the City enacted legislation for surviving spouses (includes registered domestic partners) that granted them Health coverage and Health and Welfare Benefits. The Health coverage provided by the City and the Health and Welfare Benefits by the Unions. This then added coverage such as eyeglasses, dental, prescriptions, etc., to those new and existing widows.

What we find is that some of the "Heart Case" widows are not aware of the aforementioned provisions. The Pension Section has determined in order for them to qualify, regardless of the cause of death, is that he would have survived if he had a healthy heart. In order for the widow to qualify all that needs to be done is to obtain a letter from his Cardiologist that the deceased was under treatment for the heart condition submitted to them. Once accepted by the City Health Benefits Section the widow must reregister with them, by contacting them, indicating her Social Security Number and then is included in the Medicare Part "B" reimbursement program.

DO NOT USE THE FORM ON THE OFFICE of LABOR RELATIONS WEBSITE AS THIS BENEFIT WAS LEGISLATIVELY GRANTED ONLY TO NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FIRE WIDOWS.

Direct Telephone # For Lynda Harris – 212-306-7341 Please do not call unless as a last resort.

NOTE: The standard PBA Insurance Policy is held by AETNA in the sum of \$1,000 under group #838996. Contact them at telephone # 866-428-8019 to inquire of this benefit or possibly any greater benefit the member may have had.

Call the respective organization listed below if the retiree was one of their members.

Police Officers- Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) (212) 233-5531

Sergeants – Sergeants Benevolent Association (S.B.A.) 212-431-6555

Detectives – Detectives Endowment Association (D.E.A.) 212-587-1000

Lieutenant and Above – Superior Officers Council (S.O.C.) 212-964-7500

The “City” will also owe the surviving beneficiary \$1,000 for each full month of the calendar year the retiree lived prior to his or her death from the Variable Supplement Fund if they were receiving the benefit. This benefit is normally paid at the end of each calendar year, usually December 15th. This is usually paid out to the beneficiary shortly after all of the required paperwork is processed as well as the insurance policies.

NOTE: If you were also receiving Social Security benefits and paying Medicare premiums - those payments prior to the retirees death are payable to you and also the retiree's paid premiums as the beneficiary if the retiree had you properly listed as such. However, be aware those are always in the next calendar year. Please see the relevant “FORMS” in this website.

Greetings Life Members,

FYI, your 2021 10-13 Club Membership Cards are in the mail to you. Important phone numbers on the back of card. No February meeting held this month.

Next tentative meeting Tuesday, March 16th 2021. Corn beef, cabbage & trimmings served, \$10.00 PP.

Be safe, stay well,
Fraternally, Tony.
Cell 941-706-6324.

PARAMETERS TO RENEW

RETIRED ID CARDS AND VIA PROXY

- 1. Retired Identification Card must be previously expired or expiring within 3 months of expiration date.**
- 2. Retiree must have identification card photo on file between November, 2002 and the present**
- 3. Prior to November, 2002 member must appear in person for a new photo.**
- 4. Retired member of the service or proxy must present the expired retired identification card for renewal.**
- 5. If retired identification card is lost, member or proxy must bring a copy of the jurisdiction's incident report or official police report.**
- 6. "Retiree Application" form must be completed in advance or in the alternative when present.**
- 7. Retirees that reside within New York City and adjoining counties must renew their identification card personally.**
- 8. Retirees that reside outside New York City and the adjoining counties may have a proxy renew their identification card.**
- 9. If proxy is renewing more than 10 identification cards, they may be required to return later that day or the next day to accommodate processing.**

These parameters may be subject to change without notification.

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