



# LA SOTTO VOCE

The Official Newsletter of the *Columbia Association*

Fire Department, City of New York

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## JERRY BARBARA LEGACY CONTINUES TO PROMOTE EDUCATION

Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze, unveiled a history exhibit featuring the hospital's 150 years of service to the community, while honoring Barbara's sacrifice to the city.

A timeline of the 150 year service of the hospital includes a plaque honoring Chief Jerry Barbara.

Joanne Barbara unveiled the exhibit as her family, hospital employees and about 200 firefighters, looked on at the Regina M. McGinn MD Education Center.

"My inspiration for getting involved in a project from Staten Island University Hospital is because Jerry was an advocate for continuing education, and this center is an education center; and that's what we wanted to promote," Mrs. Barbara explained.

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*Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, Staten Island University Hospital President and CEO Anthony Ferreri, and Joanna Barbara*

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All Proceeds Benefit The Columbia Association Scholarship Fund.  
[www.fdnycolumbia.com](http://www.fdnycolumbia.com)



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"Jerry was one of the leaders in the department at the time of September 11, and for his efforts to be recognized for what he had done during his career and on September 11, to be remembered at this hospital -- who has a great affiliation with the department, we have the burn center down stairs, we have the children's pediatric burn center named for some of the other members that we lost -- it's a great combination, the FDNY and Staten Island University Hospital, North" Cassano said.

The hospital could not have accomplished the exhibit without the support from the Barbara family, said President and CEO of SIUH Anthony Ferreri.



Columbia Association  
Fire Department City of New York  
**8th Annual Cigar Night**

Monday, May 7th 2012 (rain date 5/14)  
7pm to 11pm

at  
**VETRO RESTAURANT**  
(by Russo's on the Bay)

You do not have to be a member to attend

- 4 HOURS TOP SHELF OPEN BAR
- 4-5 BRAND NAME CIGARS AT THE DOOR
- FULL BUFETT INCLUDING DESERT
- THOUSANDS WORTH OF RAFFLE PRIZES
- NEAT BUT CASUAL ATTIRE (No jeans or T-shirts please)
- VERY LIMITED - 1<sup>ST</sup> 100 PAID GUESTS
- RESEVERATIONS A MUST (No walk-ups allowed)

**\$125 ALL INCLUSIVE**

Contact: Keith Tanico by April 20th  
917-337-7413

Please make checks payable to:  
Columbia Association Scholarship Fund  
C/O Keith Tanico, 14 Ivanhoe Dr., Merrick N.Y. 11566

Columbia Association  
**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SCHOLARSHIP  
GOLF OUTING**

- \$175 -

**DATE:**  
SEPT. 24-25 2012  
(Monday to Tuesday)

**WHERE:**  
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa  
(formerly the Granit)

**CHECK IN:**  
Can't get ROOM  
UNTIL AFTER GOLF Monday

**TIME:**  
MONDAY 1st round tee times  
TUESDAY 2nd round 9am shotgun

**INCLUDES:**  
GOLF, CART, ROOM, COCKTAIL  
HOUR, DINNER & BREAKFAST.  
Any extra golf you will have to pay for cart only.

**\*\*PLEASE HAVE CHECKS IN ASAP**  
Foursomes Going Fast  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION**

**MAIL TO:**  
JOSEPH SMITHWICK  
20 PIPER LANE  
LEVITOWN, NY. 11756  
Home: (516) 796-0975

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEND MEMBERS IN FOURSOME  
AND ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS\*\*\***

**T-SHIRTS and  
SWEATSHIRTS**

**NOW AVAILABLE AT  
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS  
OR BY CONTACTING**

**JOE DEPAOLA, L-27**  
**845.558.4410**  
or by email  
**LIVE4TONIGHT@OPTONLINE.NET**



# 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Souvenir Journal

Please support our Scholarship. By you or your company placing an ad in our journal will help us continue to award over \$16,000 a year in scholarships.

This is an authorization to insert our advertisement in 78th Annual Souvenir Journal to be published by the Columbia Association, NYC Fire Department. This Journal is published in conjunction with the Association's Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, to be held on June 21, 2012 at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens.

**PRICE LIST:**

<b>Back Cover</b> .....	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Inside Cover</b> .....	<b>\$600.00</b>
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**FICTION VS FACT**

**Mayor Bloomberg's Attacks Misrepresent the Truth About the Police and Fire Variable Supplement Fund Retirement Benefit**

**FICTION**

The VSF/Defined Benefit is a "Christmas Bonus" doled out to police officers and firefighters by generous and reckless Mayors.

This benefit was the brainstorm of unions, who somehow finagled the City to get underserved handouts.

The City **LOSES** money paying the benefit to retired police officers and firefighters.

The police and fire unions have contributed nothing to the City during this fiscal crisis.

The VSF benefit will strip teachers from the classrooms.

The City is spending too much money on police and fire pensions.

**FACT**

**Five Mayors, dating back to John Lindsay, Ed Koch, David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani, and even Mike Bloomberg have agreed to this benefit through years of collective bargaining and legislative agreements.**

**The benefit was created at the insistence of the City of New York, which wanted the NYPD's and FDNY's pension funds to bail the City out of financial distress and make windfalls for the City.**

**The City has raked in more than \$4-billion since creating the Fund, and has saved hundreds of millions of dollars more from substantial contractual concessions that the City still enjoys today.**

**Police and fire unions have assisted the City in saving hundreds of millions of dollars each year through negotiated health care modifications.**

**The VSF is a Defined Benefit that was collectively bargained and paid for and is not linked to paying other public employee salaries.**

**The City has wasted billions of dollars on private contracting and corrupt projects like CityTime.**

**The Mayor has one fact right: New York is America's Safest City. It is the present and retired members of our unions that made it that way!**

**Interested in Trading FDNY Helmets Or Other Memorabilia with Firefighters from Italy?**

Contact Masina Claudio  
[claudio.masina@libero.it](mailto:claudio.masina@libero.it)

He would love to converse with you!



# 2012 Annual Scholarship Lottery

\$10,000 1st PRIZE  
ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD

It is that time again. Our lottery tickets will be mailed out on December 15, 2011. If you are interested in a specific number, please call Sal Mirra at (516) 322-7588. We will only sell 200 tickets. We print 2000 tickets numbered 001-2000. The first 200 sold will be accepted. So hurry. Don't miss out.

First Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$1,000

## Congratulations to Our 2012 Winners of the Jerry Barbara / FireTech Scholarship

Promotion to Lieutenant  
F.F. Gary Lambdin L-154

Promotion to Captain  
Lieut. Vincent Bottalico L115

Promotion to Battalion Chief  
Capt. Anthony Tedesco PTS

## Congratulations to Queens Trustee



Salvatore Mirra & his wife  
on the birth of their  
1<sup>st</sup> child Daniella Lauren

# Columbia Association's 2012 Scholarship Competition

## CANDIDATES FOR COLLEGE AWARDS

*(12th Grade Students)*

Submit applications, along with a copy of the candidate's SAT scores, before April 1, 2012. These tests must have been taken in the candidates' junior or senior year of high school between September 2010 and March 2012. This must be the candidates' graduating year.

## CANDIDATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

*(8th Grade Students)*

Submit applications before March 1, 2012. The STS closed high school placement test will be given March 4, 2012 at Randal's Island, Building 11 (D.O.T.). Exam will begin at exactly 10am.

### ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for these awards may compete if a parent (natural, step or foster) is a member in good standing with the Columbia Association.

Children of a deceased member, who were in good standing at time of death, may also compete. Grand Children are NOT eligible.

### APPLICATIONS

Applications may be obtained from the internet at [www.fdnycolumbia.com](http://www.fdnycolumbia.com), your Borough Trustee, or by contacting the Scholarship Chairman, Craig Silvino, 14 Piermont Ct. Melville N.Y. 11747, (516) 303-4209.



Save the Date

## Chief Jerry Barbara Night

With the

**Staten Island Yankees**

**Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Go to

<http://jerryslegacy.org>



# COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

visits

## HERSHEY PARK

**DESIGN A VACATION TO MAXIMIZE YOUR ENJOYMENT OF THE AREA**

1. HOTEL & HERSHEY PARK PASS COMBINATION
2. HOTEL ONLY
3. HERSHEY PARK PASS ONLY\*

\*THE PARK PASS IS GOOD FOR ANY DATE DURING THEIR SUMMER SEASON (May - August.)  
Call Park for details about their night before park preview and exact dates.

**DATES:** Wednesday July 25, 2012 to Sunday July 29, 2012

**LODGING:** Best Western The CENTRAL Harrisburg, PA phone (717) 561-2800  
Hotel price is \$133 per room/per night. Check in 3pm

**HERSHEY PARK:** PAY ONE PRICE PARK PASS (DAILY) (Food & parking not included)  
Admits Holder to all attractions for the day.

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>STATE</b></span>	
<b>ZIP</b> <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><b>PHONE: (    )    -</b></span>	
<b>E-Mail</b>	

### Worksheet

1. Calculate Rooms and Tickets needed

	# of		# of passes		
	ROOMS		Kids (3-8)	Adults (9-54)	Senior (55-69)
<b>Wednesday</b>					
<b>Thursday</b>					
<b>Friday</b>					
<b>Saturday</b>					
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>				
<b>Totals</b>					

2. Calculate the PRICE:

		<i>TOTALS</i>	
<b>133</b>	x (# of Rooms	_____	= _____
<b>\$37</b>	x (# of Adult Passes	_____	= _____
<b>\$29</b>	x (# of Kid Passes	_____	= _____
<b>\$29</b>	x (# of Senior Passes	_____	= _____
		_____	= _____
<b>\$5</b>	<i>Park passes mailed to you</i>	_____	= _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____	= _____

**We sold out last year so  
First Come First Serve  
ALL WELCOME**

No refunds after June 18

**Payment in FULL due: June 18, 2012 Make Checks Payable to: "Columbia Association"**  
**Mail to: Sal Belmonte 1616 Stevens Ave. Merrick, NY 11566 - Phone (516) 233-8142**

(proceeds benefit Columbia Association Scholarships)



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The Newsletter of the FDNY  
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four times annually.

### What does the word DUES mean above your name on your address label mean?

We are updating our Membership program. One of our new features includes a Membership history located directly above your name on your address label. Please check the label. The numbers above your name indicate that we have not received your dues for that particular year. With any new system there are glitches. If your records vary with ours, please give us a call at (516) 303-4209. Our Financial Secretary Steve Forlenza will return your call.

*Below indicates 2006 and 2008 dues have not been received.*

**DUES: 06 08**  
Columbia Association  
14 Ivanhoe Dr  
Merrick, NY 11566

If you only see the word DUES above your name, this means you are up-to-date and no action is needed. We apologize for any confusion.

## Columbia Association: Executive Board & Committee Members

### Executive Board:

President	Keith Tanico	Division 13	917 337-7413
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Bronx Trustee	Joseph DePaola	Ladder 27	845 558-4410
EMS Trustee	Grace Cacciola	Division 5	516 852-3318
Legal Advisor	Stuart Salles, Esq.		
Spiritual Advisor	Msgr. Marc Filacchione	Archdiocese of NY	

### Committee Chairs:

Trips	Keith Tanico/Joe Smithwick
Membership	Joseph Smithwick
Dues	Steve Forlenza
Lottery	Sal Mirra
Parade	Phil LaRocco
Good & Welfare	John Signorile
Scholarship/Dinner Dance	Craig Silvino
Hershey Park Trip	Sal Belmonte
Dinner Journal	Grace Cacciola
Editor	Craig Silvino

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❖ Columbia Association Hotline: (516) 303-4209

## 2012 Columbia Association Borough Meetings

Brooklyn  
April 10 & November 13  
VFW Post, 2414 Geritsen Ave.

Queens  
January 10 & June 12  
VFW Post 19-12 149th St.  
(between 19th & 20th Ave.)  
Whitestone NY 11357  
(718) 746-0540

Staten Island  
February 15 & September 12  
Hillside Swim Club  
151 Signs Rd.

Bronx  
March 13 & October 9  
Maestro's Caterers  
1703 Bronxdale Ave.

Long Island  
May 8  
American Legion  
250 Franklin Ave.  
Malverne, LI

2012 Christmas Party  
To Be Announced



All Borough Meetings Are Held on the SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. There are no meetings in July & August. Meetings Begin at 8:00 p.m. Food & Refreshments are always served.