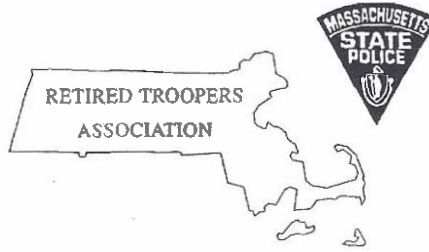


In Memoriam



Ronald J. Bellanti



February 7, 2014

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform our membership of the passing of Ronald Bellanti. Ron passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from complications of Diabetes. I lost a true friend and passionate supporter of the Mass. State Police, both active and retired. Ronnie and his efforts will never be forgotten.

***Hector J. Grazio
Chairman***

Dear Member:

2014 DUES: RTA has sent out new Membership Cards and window decals to all who have sent in their dues. If you have mailed in your dues and have not received your Membership Card and decal, call RTA immediately. If you have not sent in your dues, now would be appreciated. If you have a personal or financial situation, please call RTA and accommodations can be arranged.

PRE 1992 RETIREES UPDATE: Active State Police have signed a contract for 2013-2014. A/O 1/1/13, 1 ½ percent. A/O 7/1/13, 1 ½ percent. A/O 1/1/14, 1 ½ percent. A/O 7/1/14, 1 ½ percent. This is retro-active back to 1/1/13. Funding is in the works for this raise. Once this is done, you will be notified by the State Board of Retirement your new pension amount and when first payment will be received.

**FIRST & FINAL NOTICE:
DATE & TIME:
LOCATION:**

**14th ANNUAL FLORIDA RTA BRUNCH
Sunday, March 16, 2014 @ 11:30AM
Cypress Woods Golf and Country Club,
3525 Northbrooke Drive, Naples, Florida 34119
\$30.00 per person.**

Cost:

Please send checks payable to RTA by March 10, 2014. RTA has to furnish them with a head count. If you decide late that you want to attend contact RTA and let us know so we can update the head count. You can pay at the door.

*******NOTE!!!! There is a dress code at this location. NO Jeans, tee shirts, Cargo pants or Cargo Shorts. Shirts must have a collar.**
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RTA WEBSITE: RTA Member, Jim Tzitzon is the Website Manager for the RTA and constantly updates the site. He also has been posting Death Notices of deceased members. Check out the site www.msp-rta.org.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, NATIONALLY: In compliance with the Federal Statute, H.R. 218, The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, RTA will again conduct hand gun qualifications to enable RTA members to carry concealed firearms nationally. Members who qualified last May and June will have to re-qualify. RTA plans on conducting these qualifications on May 1, 2014 and June 12, 2014. The location has not been determined yet. RTA will send out to those qualifying a letter giving directions to the location and necessary equipment to bring. As of now the price should be the same \$35.00. Please e-mail RTA @ GraiHall@aol.com or text 978-375-0468 if you want to qualify. DO NOT send checks until we send you the letter as the price may change. This program is considered a benefit and is for RTA members only.

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REMINDER: Enrollment for Delta Dental and Ameritus Eye Care is closed until the next enrollment period. The next enrollment for these programs will be during the month of June 2014. This will cover the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
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IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER, WE STATED THAT MORE AND MORE STATES, COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS ARE REDUCING PENSIONS, HEALTH CARE AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES. POLITICIANS ARE LOOKING EVERYWHERE TO SAVE MONEY, AND THEY BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE A GOOD SOURCE OF THESE "SAVINGS". NOTHING IS UNTOUCHABLE!!! ALL IT TAKES IS A LAW AND BENEFITS CAN BE CHANGED, ALTERED, AND/OR ELIMINATED. THE GRANDFATHER PROVISION CAN BE WIPED OUT BY A STROKE OF A PEN. ONE OF RTA'S GOALS IS TO CONTINUALLY MONITOR BILLS THAT MAY AFFECT OUR BENEFITS. RTA THANKS THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE REJOINED THE RTA. THERE IS "STRENGTH IN NUMBERS". GET AFTER YOUR RETIRED FRIENDS TO JOIN THE RTA OR AT LEAST MAKE A DONATION TO THE RTA.

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LAST : I have lost a true friend and Co-partner in the RTA, Ron Bellanti. He will be sorely missed by all those he touched. At the request of the family, donations in Ron's memory be made to the "Ronald Bellanti Scholarship Fund". C/O the RTA, P.O. Box 220, Groveland, MA 01834.

Respectfully,

Hector J. Grazio