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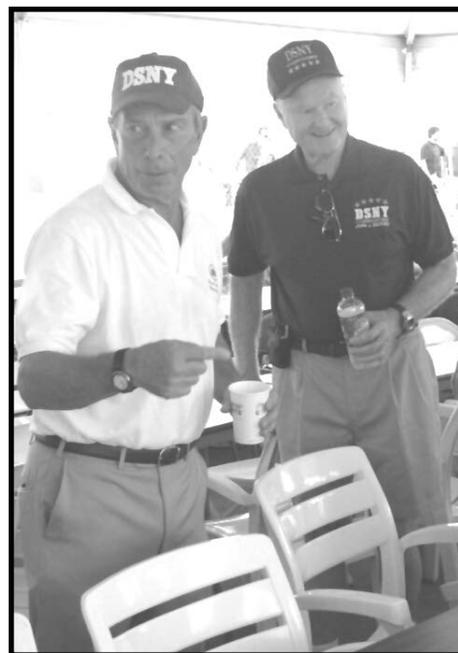
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## COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all of you who supported our first Sanitation Family Day by coming out and enjoying this great event at our Floyd Bennett Field Training facility on Sunday, August 14th. Because of your attendance, our first family day was a rousing success. With nearly 4,000 Sanitation employees and their families present, it was a wonderful gathering of the Sanitation family with enough food and cool drinks for all on a hot, but beautiful summer day. We were fortunate to have Mayor Bloomberg meet and greet many of you as a part of the celebration. A very special thank you to First Deputy Commissioner Michael Bimonte, his staff, and all who volunteered their time, effort, and good will in making family day such a huge success. The centerfold of this edition of **sanitation news** captures this event in photographs.



## DSNY Helps Hurricane Victims

The Department recently opened both its heart and wallet to assist the hundreds of thousands of Gulf Coast victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita whose lives were turned upside down by the wrath of the two killer storms. Money collected by several DSNY commands was donated in the name of the Department to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.



A special "thank you" goes to our **Staten Island workers** who raised more than \$1,225. Also, thanks to the efforts of **Kathy Dawkins, Public Information**, 250 cuddly DSNY "Billy Bears" were delivered to young children from New Orleans who were evacuated to San Antonio, Texas, where they are now enrolled in elementary schools. **Supervisor Chris Abbate, Manhattan CFC**, spent several weeks as a volunteer with the American Red Cross tending to the needs of hurricane victims in Louisiana. **Emerald Society President Thomas J. Doyle** and his colleagues in **Lot Cleaning** collected and shipped hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to children in the Gulf Coast who lost everything in the storms (see photo.) **Scott Rosenbaum, Operations Management Division**, served as a team leader for New York Cares' Emergency Response Team, where he

supervised 25 volunteers, and **Debra Barreto, Community Affairs**, and **Majita Dalton, OMD**, also volunteered a week of their own time to help out. And **Doug Luback, Supervisor of Mechanics (BME)** and a Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserves, was dispatched to Mississippi to provide technical expertise in the massive debris removal operation.

# DISNEY FAMILIES

## August



# FAMILY DAY

## 14, 2005



## Collector's Items

**Our Condolences** . . . To the families of Sofia Toscano, Department Advocate; Anthony Dono, retired Tractor Operator, formerly assigned to the Fresh Kills Landfill; Sanitation Worker Anthony Messina, Brooklyn North 5; Dave Turner, retired Auto Mechanic; Silvano Flegar, Supervisor, Manhattan 6; retired Sanitation Workers Richard White, Bronx 5, and Steve Barlow, Brooklyn South 14; Paul Kelly, retired Boiler Maker with BBM; Supervisors Uneal Brooks of Brooklyn North 8, and Julius Miller of Brooklyn North 3; Superintendent Lawrence Clark, Manhattan Borough; to Deneen Sprinkle-King, Accountant assigned to the Bureau of Waste Disposal Export, who lost her father, Joseph Sprinkle; to Sanitation Worker Dennis Quick of Staten Island 3, who lost his father, Elbert, and Supervisor Bruce Baithwaite of Brooklyn South 18 who also lost his father, John. To Anthony Mazzocchi, father of Frank Mazzocchi, First Vice President of Local 444; Sanitation Workers Dominick Butera, Queens West 3; Robert Reilly, Brooklyn South 15; Anthony Colombo, Bureau of Operations office, and Jimmy Perez, assigned to Fresh Kills, who all lost their mothers; Sanitation Worker Alfred Sigchna, Manhattan 3, who lost his daughter, Jessica Gomez; Ellen Coffey, Secretary II assigned to the DSNY Enforcement Headquarters, who lost her son, Richard Holler; David Nati, retired Chief of Operations Management Division, on the death of his wife, Deborah; Dominick and Steven Villa, Sanitation Worker, Brooklyn South 13, who lost their wife and mother. Once again, we offer our sincerest condolences to all of you on your loss. The DSNY family mourns with you. **Congratulations** . . . to Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Thomas Milora, who was recognized as "Man of the Year" by the St. Rosalid-Regina Pacis Neighborhood Improvement Association; To John Holzer, son of Gloria Coletti, PAA assigned to Fresh Kills, who was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S Navy, receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering. **Regards** . . . to Superintendent Phil Peranio, Queens East, who is fighting Multiple Myeloma. His colleagues have organized "Team Phil" to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Cheers** . . . to First Deputy Commissioner Michael Bimonte on his award from the Columbia Association of U.S. Customs & Affiliated Federal Agencies.

## A 9/11 Tribute:

Nurse Sandy McCaffrey of the DSNY Medical Division, wrote these verses in the days immediately after the attack on the World Trade Center four years ago last month. Sandy and her colleagues tended to the medical needs of rescue workers following the collapse of the Twin Towers. She wanted to share her thoughts with us.

### **HORIZON 9/11**

The change in our horizon is not welcome  
The change in our lives, not welcome  
The change in families, forever  
As we descend the ramp to a place of such morose  
    detail, it is difficult to step on the ground  
The parsonage is tiptoeing  
The parsonage is quiet  
Even the morning tiptoes around a new found sun  
The day wears and quiet is soon recognized  
    by the wind  
Gales reach equivalence with a dirge that abounds  
The wind caresses, the wind steadies and touches  
    cheeks, defeats tears  
Today, a new horizon  
A motion from darkness into new light  
New sun, and the caress of a new wind

-- Sandy McCaffrey

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