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GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
Moose Lodge Family Center 6191 Rock Island Rd, Tamarac 33319
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Sharp
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The President's Message

Your November 2024 meeting will be Tuesday, NOV. 12th due to election day complexities. Nominations committee and board will finalize nominations and positions on the board.

Anyone who has any connection to any 10-13, and most law enforcement organizations, are deeply hurt by and mourning our loss of Past President ALAN W. BERKOWITZ. Alan worked, relentlessly, to assure the benefits of others and the 10-13 clubs. He was a magnificent family man and an unwavering friend. As of this writing, I have to resist calling him. We always called one-another to keep things going for the club. We are all having a hard time thinking of how we can go on without Alan's guidance and dedication. Alan's memorial service was bursting with attendees and your honor guard presented proudly. We can only begin to discuss the December meeting. Your board will have a hard time celebrating with a holiday spirit without Alan around.

Let's also take a moment to remember another great Broward 10-13 leader, Quentin Jacobs. We lost Quentin around this time in 2017. Q was a great friend of Alan's, as well as a tireless board member. REST IN ETERNAL PEACE, GREAT WARRIORS!

Several board members and your staff volunteers attended the national presidents' meeting in Sarasota on Sat. Oct. 19TH. Discussions included the reorganization of the national board, with extreme sorrow due to our loss of long-time national 10-13 President Eugene Lowey. He was a dynamic advocate for police rights and benefits, all the way through his 90's. A winner of the grand prize national raffle was chosen belonging to another club. Our Losses of great people seem to be outweighing our gains. May Gene rest in eternal peace!

Your board of directors are volunteering for many hours and connecting with several people and organizations, keeping the Broward 10-13 ship sailing. Please volunteer to help your board ... every helper accomplishes great tasks, when helping just a little bit. If everyone does a small bit to help ... tremendous things will get done! The board wishes special thanks to Rob Ames (Ret. Coral Springs PD and US Army) former New York Officer Ralph Fasano and Annette Finkelstein for their volunteer hours and efforts to assist your club. They do more than most and deserve to be recognized. GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND 10-13, forever!!!

Fraternally yours,

- Martin

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Membership dues for 2025 are due. 2025 dues are due by January 31st of said year.

Annual dues are \$40 or \$45 for new members. (That includes your annual dues of \$40.00 plus \$5.00 initiation/reinstatement fee).

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Note: All dues are due by January 31st. Members who fail to pay dues by January 31st shall be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of attempting membership. Any person, who failed to pay by said date, will be treated as a New Member, at the new member enrollment cost; \$45.00

If you are a current member, please simply mail a check for \$40 to the address below. If you are not a member and would like to become a member, please complete the application on the next page and mail to the club at:

NYPD BROWARD 10-13 CLUB INC. P.O. Box 970911 Coconut Creek, FL 33097 Telephone (954) 977-3880

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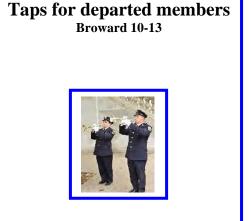
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How much is the increase: Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase by 2.5% in 2025. This is the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). By law, federal benefits increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

When the increase takes effect: The increase will begin with benefits that Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2025. Increased SSI payments will begin with the December 31, 2024 payment.

When your notice will arrive in the mail: We mail COLA notices throughout the entire month of December. It is possible that your friend or family member will receive their notice in the mail before you. Please wait until January before contacting us about your mailed notice. However, you may not need to wait for your mailed notice to learn your new benefit amount for 2025. If you receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits, you can view your COLA notice online with your personal my Social Security account starting in early December.

Who can see their notice online: COLA notices are available online to most beneficiaries through the Message Center of their personal my Social Security account if they created their account by November 20, 2024. my Social Security is a secure, convenient way to receive COLA notices online and save the message for later. Many of our notices – like the COLA notice and our popular 1099 tax form – are available online. You can choose to get available notices online instead of in the mail and receive email or text alerts under "Message Center Preferences." This means not needing to wait for them to arrive in the mail or getting the notice lost or misplaced.

Additionally, many of our forms – such as those related to overpayments or that need to accompany disability applications – are available online and no longer require wet signatures. This makes it easier and quicker for us to electronically request and customers to electronically submit various types of evidence and documents. Otherwise, customers would need to mail, fax, or visit a local office. You can also use your account to manage your benefits and much more!

For more information refer to:

- COLA <u>Fact Sheet</u>
- COLA <u>Publication</u>
- Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Information

Information and Update: \$15 copays to resume January 1, 2025 for the EmblemHealth-GHI portion of the GHI/Anthem Senior Care Plan

Senior Care members—As you may know, \$15 copays for the EmblemHealth-GHI portion of the GHI/Anthem Senior Care Plan were previously suspended by court order. Now, in accordance with a more recent court order, \$15 copays will resume on January 1, 2025.

Senior Care members will receive a new ID card before January 1, 2025.

As of January 1, 2025, Senior Care members will be required to pay a \$15 copayment each time they use the health services listed below:

Primary Care Physician Office Visits: \$15 Copayment

• Specialist Office Visit: \$15 Copayment

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X-rays: \$15 Copayment

Laboratory tests: \$15 Copayment

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• Radiation therapy: \$15 Copayment

• Urgent Care Services: \$15 Copayment

• Emergency Care (Professional Component): \$15 Copayment

Mental Health Care (Outpatient): \$15 Copayment

• Substance Use Disorder Services (Outpatient): \$15 Copayment

Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy: \$15 Copayment

• Cardiac Rehabilitation: \$15 Copayment

• Pulmonary Rehabilitation: \$15 Copayment

• Chiropractic Care: \$15 Copayment

Podiatry Care: \$15 Copayment

• Vision Care: \$15 Copayment

Please note, that Senior Care members are responsible for the annual Medicare Part B deductible and \$50 GHI Senior Care deductible.

For questions, please call the EmblemHealth Customer Service phone number on the Senior Care member ID card.

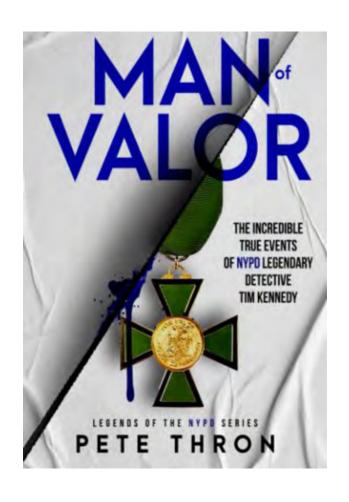
See letter from EmblemHealth: \$15 Copay Letter

Visit the <u>Plans & Rates</u> page of the Health Benefits Program wesbite to review other City's health plan options for Medicare eligible retirees and their Medicare eligible dependents.

For members who wish to select another health plan, the New York City Health Benefits Program Annual Fall Transfer Period is from November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024. Information and instructions on how to change plans during the Annual Fall Transfer Period are located on the Retiree page of the Health Benefits Program website.







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Please read the book about our own Tim Kennedy, Director-At-Large and long-time member and contributor to Broward 10-13. It's only \$10.99 for paperback and \$5.99 for the Kindle version.

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- Scholarship Applicants must either be the child or grandchild of a member who is in good standing of the club. If relative is deceased, he/she must have been a member in good standing at the time of his/her death.
- Applicant must be a graduate of High School, senior class of the prior school year.
- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited College for the upcoming school year
- Applicant will submit a 250 word essay on "Why they are deserving of the Kevin P. Moran Memorial Scholarship."
- Certified copy of most recent transcript must be received from the applicant's school.
- Applicant will submit a list of hours and location of community service served.

Member's Name		Date	
Address	City		State
Contact Phone Number	Email address		
Applicant's Name	Age	School	
(Applicant's) Father's Name			
Mother's Name			
All information, on this	form, is correc	t to my know	ledge.
Signature of Applicant			

Exclusively the Board of Directors of the Club will determine final decision regarding eligibility and the winners.

This form along with essay, transcript and community service list shall be submitted **no**later than November 30th of the year in question to the Club at the following email address,

NYPDbroward1013@gmail.com or address:

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Attn: Scholarship Committee

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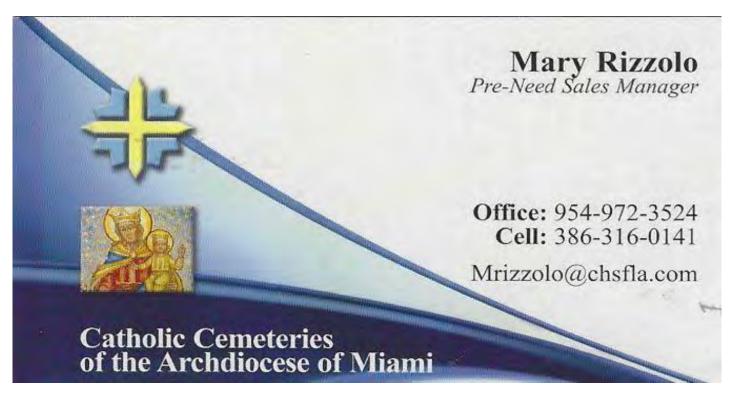


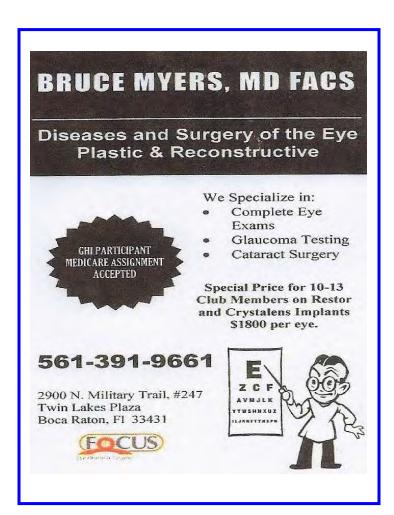
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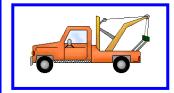




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The City's Health Benefits Program supplements Medicare but does not duplicate benefits available under Medicare. Medicare-eligible members must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be covered by a Medicare HMO plan. To enroll in Medicare and assure continuity of benefits upon becoming age 65, contact your Social Security Office during the three-month period before your 65th birthday. In order not to lose benefits, you must enroll in Medicare during this period even if you will not be receiving a Social Security check.

If you are over 65 or eligible for Medicare due to disability and did not join Medicare, contact your Social Security Office to find out when you may join. If you do not join Medicare Part B when you first become eligible, there is a 10% premium penalty for each year you were eligible but did not enroll. In addition, under certain circumstances there may be up to a 15-month delay before your Medicare Part B coverage can begin upon re-enrollment.

If you or your spouse are ineligible for Medicare Part A although over age 65 (reasons for ineligibility include non-citizenship or non-eligibility for Social Security benefits for Part A), contact us at:

NYC Health Benefits Program 40 Rector Street - 3rd Floor New York, NY 10006

Coverage for those not eligible for Medicare Part A can be provided under certain health plans. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital benefits as persons not yet age 65.

If you are living outside the USA or its territories, Medicare benefits are not available. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital and/or medical benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you do not join and/or do not continue to pay for Medicare Part B however, you will be subject to penalties if you return to the USA and attempt to enroll.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part B as a retiree but did not file with Social Security during their enrollment period (January through March) or prior to your 65th birthday, you will receive supplemental medical coverage only, and only through GHI/EBCBS Senior Care.

Medicare Enrollment

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your or your dependent's Medicare card. Include the following information: a copy of the Medicare card and birth dates for yourself and spouse, retirement date, pension number and pension system, name of health plan, and name of union welfare fund.

If your plan does not provide coverage for Medicare enrollees, you will have the opportunity to transfer to another plan that does.

Once the Health Benefits Program is notified that you are covered by Medicare, deductions from your pension check will be adjusted, if applicable. The Health Benefits Program will then notify your health plan that you are enrolled in Medicare so that your benefits can be adjusted. If you are Medicare-eligible and are enrolling in an HMO you must complete an additional application which you must obtain directly from the HMO.

Medicare and Retiring Employees

At retirement, employees who have chosen Medicare as their primary plan or whose dependents have not been covered on their plan because their spouse/domestic partner elected Medicare as the primary plan may re-enroll in the City health benefits program. This is done by completing a Health Benefits Application and submitting it to their agency health benefits, payroll or personnel office. Also at retirement, Medicare-eligible employees for whom the City Health Benefits Program had provided primary coverage are permitted to change health plans effective on the same date as their retiree health coverage

The necessary forms for Medicare Part B reimbursement and IRMAA can be found by clicking the link below.

<u>City of NY-Health Benefits Program – Medicare Part B</u>

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