

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year 2021! We all can agree that 2020 has been a challenging year for many reasons. We've experienced a wave of protests across the nation, faced a global pandemic, and participated in an unprecedented presidential election.

Although seemingly stricken to the core, let us not forget the old adage, "Adversity breathes opportunity". A highly effective vaccine is making its way to the general public in record time!

We must take this time for reflection to learn from our challenges and seize the opportunities presented before us. As we move forward, we need to be thankful for all that has carried us to this pivotal moment while remembering the loved ones we have lost.

The New Year holds hope for unity and healing for our nation. We must be grateful for the love and support from our family and friends who stood by our sides in 2020. It is important to remember that tomorrow is not promised and today is a present. We all serve a purpose and should live our best lives.

As we enter this new year, we need people with empathy and positive energy to embrace our humanity as one nation. We must dedicate ourselves to inspire and empower others to grow and appreciate their self-worth. With a fresh new look of our changing America, we must have the courage to stand up for what's right; be the voice of the voiceless, while serving as a beacon of light for society. Only then can we foster upward mobility and solidarity to create a space for all who dare to be bold in America. So, together let's be fearless, embrace new ideas, conscientiously grow together and be the leaders I know we can be in 2021.

Sincerely,
Nzingha M. Kellman
President- NYWLE

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As we enter a new year we strongly encourage all our members to find others to join this organization. Not only do we provide educational and training opportunities, but the networking it affords is second to none.



Member Jessica Thornhill of Otsego County Sheriff's office was promoted to K9 officer over the summer. She recently completed her training with her K9 partner Tracer, a Dutch Shepard. She and Tracer are now explosives detection certified, patrol trained in handler protection and tracking.



Member Tara Altamuro of the White Plains Police Department was recently promoted to Detective Third Grade. Tara most recently has been assigned to the Community Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives Unit and is responsible for handling domestic violence and department hiring investigations. She is also the first and only White Plains female officer to qualify for the SWAT Team in White Plains Police Department.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DEPUTY INSPECTOR PATRICIA MACDONALD—NYPD

CAPTAIN JESSICA FRANCO—IRONDEQUOIT PD

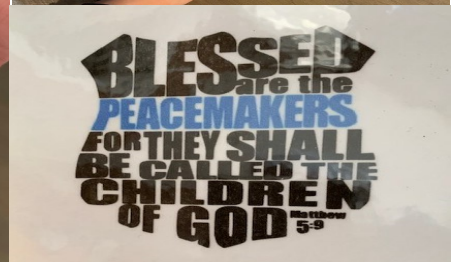
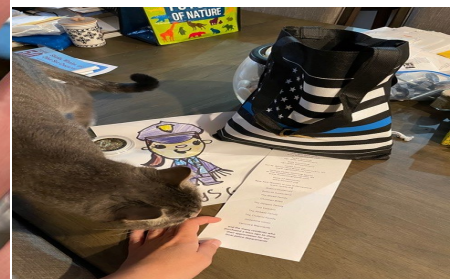
COLLEEN O'CONNOR NYC EPA

CARLENE BROWN—NYPD

RACHEL DANKO—DEA INVESTIGATOR

STEPANIE CUSANO—STUDENT MARIST COLLEGE

Member Susan Deshensky recently created “Back the Blue Support Bags”. The bags are filled with all kinds of useful items that she personally distributed to Police Officers in Westchester County. The bags are an expression of appreciation for all the good works the officers performed during the Pandemic. And also an acknowledgement of the tough year the officers have experienced. Included in the bags are challenge coins featuring the Patron Saint of Police Officers—St. Michael the Archangel, hand warmers, thank you art work from local youth, notebooks, pens, sweets, and other items. Sue did receive a contribution from NYWLE and other benefactors, but she did all the work on her own. Thank you Sue.



NYWLE Board Member Cathy Johansen and her daughter and NYWLE member Leila Molle, volunteering for the Salvation Army!



Board Member Anne FitzSimmons created Advent Wreaths as a fund raiser for her Church. \$250.00 was raised and donated to the Church.



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE



11th Annual NYWLE Training Conference
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa – Fairport, NY
October 6-8, 2021



Planning is going strong for the 2021 Conference.

Interested in joining the Conference Committee? Contact Barbara Lark at balark@bpdny.org or 716-480-2710, with your name and best phone contact.



FREE TRAINING

The response to the training survey sent out recently, by board member Neely Jennings, indicates that the membership is interested in receiving training regarding various topics. Some of the topics are personal wellness, fitness and financial planning. A member offered the following free one hour webinar provided by Cordico, a wellness technology app for law enforcement, in which Dr. Kenneth Gilmartin discusses, Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement with Dr. David Black, founder and CEO of Cordico.

Some members of the board have seen this presentation and highly recommend that members consider taking a hour out of their busy lives and watch this webinar. Viewers may possibly enhance their personal and professional lives. Your feedback would be appreciated. This will give the Board an idea of other trainings that can be offered by NYWLE, email nywomeninlawenforcement@gmail.com

https://www.cordico.com/2020/09/29/recording-dr-kevin-gilmartin-on-emotional-survival-for-law-enforcement-2/?utm_campaign=Law%20Enforcement%20Wellness%20Solution&utm_medium=email&hsmi=102413322&hsenc=p2ANqtz-99yjA-9v7lkl43Yai4LpFl5WqFxA0TQkA51Ya1GdhrjZV61_2-L2nhk4ZTMzrsY7H17vB_WXhrAluNm-4kO_Da2jj481QQMkuCqd5OI16-

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NW3C offers both live and on-demand webinars and podcasts on a variety of topics. The site also - offers lots of great resources including timely information, for example – U. S. Health and Human Services Guidance Document - COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities.

<https://www.nw3c.org/docs/default-document-library/hhs-covid-19-hipaa.pdf>

SEARCH – The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

<https://www.search.org/resources/podcasts/>

National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College

<https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/on-demand?dm=DMT0000051#findOnDemand>

NYS Association of Chiefs of Police – Podcast, Law Enforcement Officer Suicide Series

<https://www.nychiefs.org/apb-all-points-bulletin-series>

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