

# FDNYCRA NEWSLETTER

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**I want to wish everyone a very safe and healthy holiday. Please keep our brothers who are ill and who have passed on in our prayers this season. We have a strong association thanks to all of you and I am proud to serve as your President.**

## Website

I want to thank Dan Tompkins for getting the website up and running. I also want to thank him for the years he served as our Vice President.

## Elections

In January we will have our yearly elections. I need someone to step up and take the nominations for the slate of Officers. Please, those who wish to run will email you and then you just have to report it at the meeting.

## Medical Insurance



This is Big. This month ruling is the final win for the 250,000 some retirees fighting to keep the health care they worked for and were promised. New York's highest court decided seniors will continue to have access to all providers who accept Medicare, a victory for our public sector retirees."

<https://thousandpointsofright.blogspot.com/2024/12/retirees-get-big-win.html>



## **CRA Pickle Ball**

A group of our members started a Pickleball social group. We have played several times already. We try to play at least twice a month. Currently we have 10 players of all different skill levels, and play a stressless non-competitive game, complete with typical firehouse banter and humor. All skill levels are welcomed. If interested please contact Bob Gus 910-368-9744

## **A little Humor**

An elderly couple was driving across the country. While the woman was behind the wheel, the couple was pulled over by the highway patrol.

“Ma’am, did you know you were speeding?” the officer said.

The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, “What did he say?”

“He said you were speeding!” the old man yelled.

The patrolman then asked, “May I see your license?”

The woman turned to her husband again, “What did he say?”

The old man yelled back, “He wants to see your license!”

The woman then gave the officer her license.

“I see you are from Arkansas,” the patrolman said. “I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I ever saw.

The woman turned to her husband again and asked, “What did he say?”

The old man replied, “He said he knows you!”

***OUR NEXT MEETING IS***  
***January 16, 2025 11AM***  
***CALABASH FIRE DEPARTMENT***  
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