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**The 200 Club of Mercer County Hosts Annual Luncheon on June 8th
Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
will Speak about "Rebuilding the World Trade Center"**

MERCER COUNTY, May 4 ô **The Annual 200 Club of Mercer County Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 8th, at 11:30am at the "Stone Terrace by John Henry's" on Kuser Road in Hamilton.** It will feature **Bill Baroni, the Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**, as Guest Speaker. The Deputy Executive Director grew up in Hamilton Township, and previously served as State Senator in the 14th District. As the director of a Port Authority which operates some of the most critical infrastructure points in the nation, Mr. Baroni also oversees the rebuilding of the World Trade Center. Please join us as he discusses the direction and status of this important project.

The 200 Club will also present Valor Awards to two members of the **Hamilton Township Police Department, Tom White and Nick Avanzato** for their heroic actions at the scene of a fire in Hamilton Township this past January. The Valor Award is presented to an individual who has committed an act of bravery, beyond the call of duty, and imminent personal risk to his own life and safety, and is the highest award given by a 200 Club. A 200 Club Valor pin is the only pin allowed to be worn on the uniform of a New Jersey State Police officer outside of its own awards.

"We are pleased to honor both Officers White and Avanzato at this year's luncheon," states Greg Blair, President of the 200 Club of Mercer County. "I feel there is an outpouring of support for all the dedicated law enforcement, fire and rescue organizations in Mercer County. These men and women play an essential role for the security and safety in our community."

"We also welcome Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni to this year's luncheon," continues Blair. "I believe hearing Mr. Baroni speak about the new World Trade Center will give us a brighter hope for the future and at the same time honor the men and women who dedicate their lives for our safety just like many did that grave day ten years ago."

The 200 Club of Mercer County is one of several hundred associations nationwide dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of our public safety and rescue personnel who are killed in the line of duty. This includes the police officers (state, county, and municipal), correction officers, fire fighters, and rescue squad technicians of Mercer County.

Established in 1979, The 200 Club of Mercer County has provided funds to a multitude of families. The club also supports organizations like local chapters of The American Red Cross, Mercer County Fire Academy, NJSP Museum honoring fallen Troopers, NY/NJ Port Authority Police Widows Fund, and more. Becoming a member of the 200 Club of Mercer County will support an honorable cause at a time when the families of these dedicated and brave individuals need it most.

The luncheon is open to the public and costs \$40 per person. Attendees who apply for membership will get the luncheon as part of their application cost. Membership is \$200 and is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The 200 Club of Mercer County is a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3). Corporate sponsorships are also encouraged and appreciated. To order tickets or make a donation, please send a check to: The 200 Club of Mercer County, P.O. Box 6755, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648.

The 200 Club gratefully acknowledges the Gold Sponsors for this year's luncheon: **Doerler Landscapes, Inc., Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and Roma Bank.**

For more information, or to register for this important event, call Karla Pollack at 609-498-7727. To apply for membership to The 200 Club of Mercer County or register online, please visit www.mercer200club.org.

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