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## 3rd ANNUAL FALL DANCE

SATURDAY - NOV. 5, 1960

9:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Two Bands...

MACHITO &  
CHARLIE PALMIERI

MANHATTAN CENTER

34 St. Bet. 8th & 9th Ave.

TICKETS \$3.50

TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING:  
PH. R. BARRIOS - DA 9-2762 ... PH. DAVID VELEZ - TE 1-0487,  
OR PH. G. GARCIA - CY 5-2097 (Dance Committee).

## A message from your President...



Perhaps one of the proudest moments in my life was being elected to the office of President in the Hispanic Society. As president, not only am I proud of my office but the fact that your cooperation has made me feel proud of all of you.

Many times you can speak about your fellow members, but when you try to write about them, you can't seem to find the right words. The cooperation given me by the Executive body and the membership has made my task much easier than I had anticipated.

It is a wonderful thing to be elected president and know that everyone is doing their share. I am proud to say that so far you have made every affair a great success. Now in November, our 3rd annual dance is just a short few days away, and this affair MUST BE THE GREATEST. In reality this dance is the affair that will continue to carry our future projects and programs.

You must continue to be as proud of your organization, as the department is proud of us. The Spanish-speaking public in the City are even prouder, because more or less we are a liaison between them, and the Police Department.

Again let me thank all of you, and may the year 1961 see us achieve greater heights.

PTL. GEORGE GARCIA 44 Pct.

## COP OF THE MONTH

AS INTERVIEWED  
BY PTL. ORTIZ



Det. ISABEL BARBER, Nar. Bur. BORN in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan on Oct. 10, 19??, and the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francisco M. Montanez, formerly of Santurce, Puerto Rico. "IZZIE", as she is affectionately called by her intimate friends, started her education as an alumn of P.S. 115 and later graduated from the George Washington High School. She also is a graduate of the Delahanty Business School. After H.S. "Izzie" embarked on a career as a secretary for various top business concerns. To say the least "Izzie" was also a dance instructress for the Arthur Murray Studios.

ISABEL is married to the former DET. GENE BARBER of the 42 Sgd. GENE is now in the market equipment line. Their household is shared by a son, 12 year old John Francis Barber.

She was appointed to the P.D. on December 12, 1952, after placing No. 4 out of 1,250 applicants. On January of 1953 she was assigned to the Narcotics Bureau to begin one of the most fabulous careers in the annals of policewomen in New York City. Few women would have endured what our "Izzie" endured for many frightening years. Most of the time her home was the rat infested dark alleys of some of the most notorious sections of the City. Self preservation was a constant battle against overwhelming odds. To this day, all she can say of her many frightening experiences is: "It was all in a day's work"! Among her fellow workers she is known as COPS COP. What greater compliment can a policeman receive than to be looked up to by his peers.

Not only has "Izzie" been cited various times by the Department, but she was also commended by the County of New York Grand Jury for her daring feats, and also by "LA-PRENSA" newspaper at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Among the many exploits contributed to her undercover work, are the arrest of a man in possession of \$60,000 worth of illegal drugs. Again, due to her patience and vigilance, a notorious group of 9 men were arrested for violations of Narcotic Laws. She was instrumental in the breaking up of a phony religious cult who indulged in lewd and indecent acts, and who considered the use of narcotics as lawful in their society. She was also instrumental in the arrest of an organized and treacherous gang of hoodlums and confiscated \$40,000 in drugs. Many an after hour joint can still feel her sting. She can be credited with over 200 narcotic buys, and has been directly responsible for over 300 arrests. To say least, "Izzie" has taken of the illegitimate market hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of illegal drugs.

On rare occasions, because of her value as a narcotic undercover agent, she has been loaned out to the Brooklyn Homicide Sgd., and Manhattan West Det's.

On the Social side "Izzie" has been the recording secretary of our society since its inception. Her hobbies include the designing and sewing her own gowns. She enjoys swimming, horseback riding and traveling with her family.

## CITATION DEPARTMENT

DET. GEORGE BERMUDEZ - Nar. Bur.

After investigation, arrested seventeen persons for violation of narcotic laws. All of the prisoners had criminal records.

DET. CHARLES CABAN - Nar. Bur.

After investigation arrested 3 men in possession of narcotics.

DET. VALARIAN MARTIN - 41 Sgd.

After investigation, arrested a man who had fatally strangled a boy and then slashed his throat. The prisoner has a criminal record.

PTL. JOSEPH J. CRUZ - 10th Div.

1. While on radio motor patrol, pursued and arrested a man who had stolen an auto.

2. While on patrol, arrested a man who had committed a burglary. Prisoner has criminal record.

DET. ALBERT GONZALEZ - 24 Sgd.

After investigation, located and arrested a man for a fatal shooting he had committed in a bar.

ALEX CUESTA - 24 Sgd.

After investigation arrested a man who robbed and raped a woman.

PTL. JOHN R. COLON - 14 Pct.

1. While on patrol, arrested three men who had stolen a vehicle from a parking lot. All of the prisoners have criminal records.

2. On radio motor patrol, pursued and apprehended two youths shortly after they had committed an assault and robbery. Both prisoners had criminal records.

PTL. ANTHONY CORDERO - 79 Pct.

While on patrol, pursued and apprehended a man shortly after he had committed a burglary of a shoe store.

PTL. RAPHAEL PADILLA - 4th Pct.

On radio motor patrol, arrested a youth for possession of burglars tools. The prisoner has a long criminal record.

PTL. JOHN ACOSTA - Man. East.

While on patrol, pursued and apprehended a man who had committed an armed robbery. The prisoner attempted to shoot Ptl. Acosta, but the gun misfired and he was subdued and disarmed of the loaded gun. The prisoner has a criminal record.

DET. AMADOR SANTIAGO - 42 Sgd.

1. After investigation, arrested 12 youths for the fatal shooting of another.

2. After investigation, arrested 3 men for an armed robbery.

PTL. LUIS A. PALAU - Man. East.

While off-duty, rescued a man from a burning building.

PTL. IVAN MARFISI - 32 Pct.

Was awarded an excellent Police-Duty award in recognition of his donations to the Department Blood Program.

DET. DAVID BROWN - Nar. Bur.

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## LOCAL NEWS

As promised by your executive body, and readily seen by everyone, the spirit of your elected officers have driven your Society to heights never achieved before. So many things have been accomplished in these last few months that your editor wishes he had room in this small periodical to mention them all. However, let us say that your cooperation has truly been tremendous. Evidence of this was the Installation Dinner and Dance held at the Statler Hilton Hotel on April 9, 1960. Over 700 friends and relatives attended this affair and many had to be turned away at the door because of limited space. Installation officer for the evening was the well known Supreme Court Justice - EMILIO NUNEZ. Highlights of the evening were the awards received by DET. ISABEL BARBER, Nar. Bur. and SGT. ALFREDO GARCIA, Brooklyn Youth Div., by La Prensa Newspaper and the Puerto Rican Merchants Association. These awards were well merited for exceptional work performed in the field. The affair was further enhanced by the appearance of GOV. MUNOZ MARIN of Puerto Rico. Representing our Police Commissioner was our newly appointed Chief Inspector Michael MURPHY.

We wish to express our gratitude to Ptl. JULIO COLON - 41 Pct., Ptl. JOE ALVAREZ - 12th Div., Det. HECTOR VELEZ D.A.O., Ptl. JOHN ECHEVARRIA, Man. West, and Det. JOSEPH CONCHEIRO - 90 Sgd. for their exceptional work in making the affair the success that it was - On the other side of the fence, Ptl. SANCHEZ transferred to 13th Pct., Ptl. EDDIE MUNIZ to L.D.S. ... Congratulations to Ptl. RAMON BARRIOS Man. East Youth Div., on his marriage to the former Olga Cordero. ... Ptl. GENE CALDERON J.A.B., received a scholarship award from the P.R. Civil Service Association to further his law education. ... Ptl. HENRY ACOSTA, P.A., received a \$500 award from the 100 year association for developing a basic Spanish course for his fellow officers. ... Ptl. FRANK COSTELLO - 43 Pct. organizing a P.A.L. team of little leaguers. Mrs. Costello occupies her spare time being den mother for the local Boy Scouts. We need more people like this couple to devote a little of their time where it is urgently needed. ... A welcome surprise was the swearing in of VICKIE RENZULLO, our second Policewoman... Congratulations to Sgt. ALFRED GARCIA, Sgt. JOE SUAREZ, and Sgt. BOUZA on their passing the Lieutenant's test. Respectfully, they placed #S 53, 157 and 158... Who are the three red eyed students down at Hq. burning the night candle in preparation for the Sgt's. exam.? ..... It's reassuring to see so many students. For those of you who haven't started, now is the time to do so.

On May 17, 1960, at ceremonies held at City Hall, awards were presented in behalf of EL DIARIO newspaper by MAYOR WAGNER. Recipients were Det. ADOLPH VILLAFANA, Nar. Sgd., Ptl. VICTOR ORTIZ, B.C.I., and Det. ALFREDO LOPEZ - 92 Sgd. These awards were for bravery in the line of duty. Congratulations again to Det. CONCHEIRO - 90 Sgd. on his promotion to 1st grade. It couldn't happen to a finer man.... Transferred to Man. E. Ptl. ABELARDO Ptl. JOHN ACOSTA, Ptl. MIGUEL DOMENECH, Ptl. INOCENCIO DELGADO, and Ptl. LOUIS PALAU. Good luck on your new assignments, boys!

F L A S H ! ... Since January of this year, membership has increased in the Society by 300%. Who was it that said it couldn't be done? Also the Treasury has been increased and no losses shown even though the Society has had more expenses than previous years.

Because of the tremendous demand for tickets at our Installation Dinner, we have booked the Grand Ballroom of the St. George Hotel which easily accommodates 2,000 persons if necessary. Tickets will

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## EDITORIAL

During the month of November, elections for executive office will be upon us again. Your president has indeed done a remarkable job. PTL. GARCIA can be depicted as a man of gentle mien, but within lies a man of great energy. During his administration, the smallest problems have received his full consideration and no task has been too great.

He moulded an executive body that has rejoiced in its accomplishments for the betterment of the organization.

Nominations for executive officers will take some time in November. It is up to you, the membership to decide who will be at the helm for the coming year. It is wise to remember when making your nominations and voting, to select men that recognize the particular contributions that their associates or helpers are making. A man that is willing to delegate to others their share of responsibility in projects and not let it suffer by making it an individual operation. They must be able to encourage the legitimate self interest that everyone likes to have in his own society. They must also be humble enough to seek the advice of those that are more expert than themselves and be able to invite constructive criticism when needed. Ask yourself whether they are the type of leaders that will give credit where credit is due and rejoice in the success of others. In short, will they be men that will treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.

The nomination and selection is yours. This year we have truly made progress. It is progress that is evident and can be seen. Let's not fall behind. The year 1961, should see us reach new goals, and this can only be accomplished by you the membership.

Editor-In-Chief = Ptl. Victor J. Ortiz

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be on sale by the end of the year on a first come first serve basis. Your \$10.00 reservation will include LIQUOR, meal, and entertainment. The date has been set for SATURDAY - MARCH 11, 1961.....

For those of you who still can't believe it, it is now official that the Society gained a net profit of \$895.00 on the affair of April 9, 1960.... Thanks again to JOE ALVAREZ - 12th Div. & Det. RENÉ MORENO - 7th Pct., for saving the day. Because of them the otherwise dampened picnic was a success. The last hardy pioneers left the mountains at midnight.

Our condolences to Ptl. Victor Acevedo, 43 Pct., Det. Alex Cuesta, 24th Sgd., Det. Albert Gonzalez, 24th Sgd. and Ptl. Raymond Sanchez, on the departing of their loved ones.