The Community Chest & Welfare Fund

The Community Chest and Welfare Fund needs the support of every member. This is for your welfare and is your fund. This departmental organization saves you from being harassed by the multiplicity of charity drives and enables you to contribute with dignity. The fund also includes a death benefit of $200.

Yes, all this is achieved at a cost of 1/10 of 1% or $5 on a base pay of $5,000 per year, split into semi-annual payments to make it easier. At $5 a year it would take 40 years to save for the death benefit alone.

During 1956, $4,004 was collected and added to the 1955 balance of $2,249. Of the total fund of $6,253, contributions totalling $3,000, were made to recognized charities. With deep regret, we were able to contribute $1,800 to the widows and families of deceased departmental employees. As of April 15, 1957, the fund carried the sum of $1,453 as a balance.

The newly elected officers for the fiscal year of 1957-58 are as follows: Chairman Anne Slattery, Captain assigned to House of Detention for Women; Vice-Chairman Donald Duffy, Correction Officer assigned to Analysis & Research Bureau; Treasurer John Walsh, Captain assigned to Rikers Island; Secretary Elsie Russell, Correction Officer assigned to House of Detention for Women.

Give them your whole hearted support so that we all can contribute towards the needy, as well as helping ourselves.

Correctional Educational Seminars
For Staff

The Wardens’ Workshop

For the first time in the history of the department, a workshop for Wardens was instituted by the Graduate School of Public Administration and Social Service of New York University. The workshop was under the direction of Prof. Martin B. Dworkis, ably assisted by Dr. Frank Cohen.

The subjects covered and the guest speakers, who comprised outstanding men in the field of penology, were as follows:

1. Dr. Paul Tappan — The responsibility of the community in providing custodial correction care.
2. Dr. Negley Teeters — Detention and Correction as constructive experiences for the individual.
3. Dr. Renatus Hartogs — The basic needs in programming for inmates in custodial and long-term institutions.
4. Dr. Nathan Roth — The organization of differential care to meet specialized needs of inmates.
5. Dr. Price Chenault — The implementation of rehabilitative and reclamation programs in fulfilling the department's objectives.

The Wardens’ Workshop has initiated the new program of training and management which will include all supervisory ranks and line officers.

Correctional Management

On Feb. 6, 1957, the Deputy Warden's and Asst. Deputy Wardens began a twelve-week course on Correctional Management directed by Dr. Walter Wallack, Warden of the Wallkill State Prison, under the auspices of New York University.

The department was fortunate in obtaining the services of Dr. Wallack who possesses an exceptional educational background in addition to his many years of experience as an administrator in the correctional field.

Spanish Course

To expedite the processing of our Spanish-speaking inmates and to create a better understanding, through the removal of the language barriers, fifty Department of Correction employees availed themselves of a course in “Conversational Spanish” offered by the Department of Personnel, Professor Jose Garcia de Mazas of New York University, ably assisted by Professor Jorge Aguirre from the Republic of Colombia, graciously and competently offered their services without remuneration. The course, of twelve weeks duration, ended May 27, 1957. It was a practical course and will be resumed again in the fall.