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Thursday, December 4, 2014, 8:00 pm

Election of Officers

Holiday Sandwiches, Salads and Desserts

Holy Trinity Church Basement, Corner 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2015 at 8:00pm

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The President's Gavel

Dear Bellerose Neighbors,
We want to thank Daniel Powers Jr. for speaking to us about his program After School Rocks. This is a program which is being implemented in schools that don't have a music programs. This program is very affordable but Daniel's goal is for the program to be free. He has a corporation donating instruments next year and his goal is to have all kids with an instrument in their hands someday. We want to thank him for his time and wish him the best with his program.

We want to wish all our members Happy Holidays. Regardless of what you celebrate this is a time of giving. I hope we can all give kindness to our neighbors. We will be having our holiday party at our December meeting. Dinner will be served (sandwich and salads) and desserts. Hope to see you there.

Toy Drive

This year we will be having our toy drive again. Last year it was a real success. The shelter in Far Rockaway was in need of some toys and we were able to help them. The box will be in front of my house on 87-05 253rd Street. You can also bring the toy to the December meeting. We hope you can join us at our meeting and help us give to those in need.

Restaurant Review

My husband and I have found a new restaurant in the area we really enjoy. The name is Glow Thai & Japanese. We met one of our neighbors there as well. If you enjoy Sushi or Chicken Teriyaki you will love this place.

The address is 214 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park. If you have a restaurant you would like to feature please reach out to us (editor@bccaqueens.org) and we will put it in our Newsletter.

Lourdes V. Hartrick

Elections

December is our election of 2015 officers to be sworn in January. For President-Juan Zubizarreta; Vice President-Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick; Recording Secretary-Ruth Mezistrano; Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer-Richard Hellenbrecht. For two year Director positions: Jim Delaney, Mike Weisbord, Van DaSilva, Gulen Zubizarreta.

The Editor

Holy Trinity News

Join us during our regular services at 9 and 10:30 am. All Welcome! Try Us - Just once!

Bible Study continues at 10 am on Wednesdays.

Young at Heart meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Noon. Join us for lunch and some social time.

Youth club meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 7-9:30 pm - Grades 6 -12 invited.

Holy Trinity continues to help the homeless of NYC. We are purchasing jackets that turn into sleeping bags for those unfortunate people who are living on the streets. Each jacket is \$100 but any donation will help, we have a goal of purchasing 30 - please make a donation. Checks can be payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and left or mailed to the church. Please make a notation that it is for Midnight Run Jackets. Thank you. We also continue to collect food for the All Saint's food pantry. There are many families struggling to put food on their table, if you are thankful for what you have, consider dropping a donation of food or money to Holy Trinity. Love to Sing or just make someone smile? Join us on December 20th for Christmas Caroling. We meet at the church and then go to shut-ins to sing.

We have two Christmas Eve services at 8 and 10pm - we'd love for you to join us.

Letter to the Editor

Bellerose Pros

NYC agencies are prostituting NY State Traffic Laws, and selling our kids short.

The State allowed Speed Cameras in the City with the restricted use of enhancing school safety in school zones by getting drivers to slow down. While the intent of this law is noble, the reality is another story. I recently noticed one of these City run One Arm Bandits set up on Union Turnpike west of the Cross Island Parkway monitoring west bound traffic along a desolate area with no sidewalks adjacent to the traffic flow. The closest School is the Frank Padavan Campus east of the Cross Parkway. Of course the area under surveillance by the camera has no School Zone signs, and drivers exiting the Cross Island to travel west will not even pass the school. This camera is obviously not in place to protect kids, but is there to raise revenue for the City which makes this camera a violation of the law.

We would like to wish all BCCA members and friends best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous holiday season whatever your religion or beliefs. We wish you all the best in the new year and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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Bellerose Playground

Not much new to report here, but that Community Board 13Q has included the improvements to the playground in its 2016 Capital Budget recommendations. This budget recommendation does not guarantee inclusion in the 2016 budget, but it ensures it will at least be considered and is a priority of the board. As you know, Councilman Mark Weprin has provided \$500,000 toward the playground in his discretionary funds and Senator Tony Avella included \$250,000 for the Reading Garden area (along 249th Street). It was mentioned at the November BCCA meeting that there is a small hitch in the Councilman's funds in that it was designated as Board of Education funds rather than Parks, but we believe this will be easily resolved in the budget process.

BCCA Dues

We have been checking the BCCA Post Office Box often and after only three weeks since the distribution we have already received 190 dues envelopes. We thank our members for your quick response. We have been striving to keep our dues at only \$7 while some civics have needed to move to \$10 or more. BCCA relies in its dues to help with preparing newsletters and mailings, cover costs of meetings, including a stipend for the use of the Church hall, coffee and snacks. Dues also covers our participation in other vital organizations such as Queens Civic Congress and Bellerose Business District. No BCCA officer is paid. Our advertisers (above) payments cover most of the newsletter costs.

We are extremely pleased to note that nearly half of the envelopes included some additional donation, many at \$3 or \$13, but some as high as \$50. We are humbled and deeply appreciative of your support and generosity. Thank you!