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# Thursday, June 6, 2013, 8:00 pm Block Captains' Appreciation Night Special Cake, American Flag Raffle for Flag Day

Refreshments will be served
Holy Trinity Church Basement, Corner 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Blvd.
Next Meeting: September 5, 2013 at 8:00pm
Raffles and 50/50 at BCCA Meetings

## The Gavel

Hello Bellerose,

Our June meeting is always a very special meeting at which we honor and thank our dedicated Block Captains. We appreciate the work of Block Captains because they are an integral part of any civic association. In addition to delivering nine newsletters a year, we rely on the captains to maintain contact with their assigned homes and pass along any problems or inquiries to the officers. It is important for residents to see a face to the civic instead of just a newsletter.

Unfortunately over the past several years many of our captains have retired or left the area and we are now at about half of the number of volunteers we had at one time.

We would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our readers and make a special appeal for volunteers to serve as Block Captains. A captain can serve from ten to forty homes, usually on a single block or two near their own homes. On the Saturday before our nine meetings the captain will pick up their bundle of newsletters on 248th Street and by Tuesday or so drop off the newsletter to each home. We encourage occasional personal contact, but it is not required. Block Captains used to pick up dues, but that is no longer required, so the task should not take more than an hour a month. We would love you to join us.

Please see inside (page 5) for a report on the introduction of our new and improved website and a FaceBook page to help keep you informed and get quick feedback. We hope you will "Like" our page and check back often for updates on meetings. Finally, good news on two fronts. As ActionNews goes to press we learned that the area rezoning we've been working on has been approved by City Planning and will be voted on by City Council in late June. This is the final step and we are very confident the rezoning will pass and be enacted. Also, the Bellerose Library will close soon to undergo a major renovation for several months. It won't get bigger, but it will be significantly improved. The Glen Oaks Library has reopened, check it out.

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# **Holy Trinity News**

Regular Sunday services at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Sunday School Classes continue. Children are dismissed from the early service for Sunday School classes. It is not too late to Join us!

Young at Heart meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Enjoy lunch and some social time.

Youth Club for Middle and High Schoolers meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 7-

9:30pm. No charge - attendees decide on activities which include games, movies, talent events - chaper-oned by Diane Gilroy. Questions? call the church or send an e-mail: holytrinitybellerose@yahoo.com.

#### **Events:**

Vacation Bible School - scheduled for mornings July 8-19, choose 1 or 2 weeks - contact office for details.

For any questions about anything contact Carol Robinson or at <a href="https://holytrinityinfo@verizon.net">holytrinityinfo@verizon.net</a> or 718-470-1756.

## Ms. NY Senior America Pageant Winner is From Bellerose

#### **Congratulations!**

Ms. NY Senior America Pageant Winner

Virginia Werner, a resident of Bellerose received her award as winner of the 2013 Pageant.

Virginia performed a Middle Eastern Dance (a belly dance with a Sword).

"It represents a woman as a warrior and protector of a tribe" said Virginia. Virginia has performed in Lincoln Center with her volunteer troupe.

We are very happy for Virginia. Hopefully, more Seniors will be aware of the Pageant and want to participate. Virginia promised to visit a future meeting and tell us about the competition. The next step is the national competition in Atlantic City. We have a celebrity in Bellerose. Good Luck, Virginia.

## Long Island Tomahawks are BACK!

Kids—would you like to play Football? You can! If you live in Bellerose, Holliswood, Hollis, Queens Village, New Hyde Park, Floral Park Come Join Us.

Division Age Groups:

Tiny Mites 5-7 yrs

Junior Mites 7-8 yrs

Mighty Mites 9-10 yrs

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# BCCA Introduces New Website and FaceBook Page

At our May meeting a member came forward to offer his skills and interest to develop a first-ever Face-Book page for BCCA and do a complete update on our website. This takes quite a bit of work and a lot of knowledge and talent. A website was developed over a decade ago, but was eventually hacked by someone and we had to take it down several years ago. Juan Zubizarreta has worked hard to develop a webpage and FaceBook page for BCCA, gotten photos of various Bellerose area landmarks and found some interesting stories. Over the course of the summer we will update and add articles of interest, maybe some more photos and videos. We have a temporary name on a free site sponsored by "Weebly" but will simplify the name after the summer.

You are encouraged to visit both sites and provide your input—what would you like to see on the site, what would you like us to cover at a meeting, is there a speaker you'd like us to invite? We want the meetings and our site to be interesting for you, our members. Be sure to Like us on FaceBook.

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## BCCA Misc.

No Cost Mammograms—Councilman Mark Weprin is sponsoring no-cost digital mammograms and clinical breast exams at a mobile van located at his office a 73-03 Bell Blvd. on June 5 from 9:30am to 4:40pm. Women 40 and older with health insurance and women 50 and older without health insurance are eligible if you have a NYC address and have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months. An appointment IS NECESSARY. Please call Sara AbiBoutros in CM Weprin's office at 718-468-0137 for an appointment or additional details.

MetroCard Van—A MetroCard Van will be in Queens at 126-15 Foch Blvd at the post office on June 25 from 1pm to 3pm. MetroCards and EZ-Passes are available at the van. Senior Citizens and people with disabilities can obtain reduced fair MetroCards here, with their MediCare Card and a photo ID. For seniors and the disabled the alternative is going to lower Manhattan with no available parking and a waiting in a long line. We will let you know when it is closer to Bellerose, but we don't see it here often.

Bellerose Girl Scouts Recruiting—The Girl Scouts of Bellerose are expanding this fall. Registration for girls grades K to eight will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 3:30 PM until 4:45 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church basement, at the corner of Commonwealth Boulevard and 86th Rd. The cost is \$15 per girl and an adult. We are looking for adults who would love to work with the program. Free training will be provided. Any questions please send an email to Mary Ann, girlscout9103@gmail.com.

BCCA to Honor Grads—Each year the BCCA is pleased to honor a graduating boy and girl from PS133 and St. Gregory's schools recognized for their citizenship in the classroom. Each school picks the winners and we will announce their names in September. Each winner will receive a certificate and medal and a check from our association. Since the top academic achievers in the school receive awards, this is an opportunity for students that are helpful, courteous and social leaders to be recognized.

St. Gregory's 34th Annual Festival—The annual festival will be held from June 20 to June 30 2013. Hours of operation 7 to 11PM every evening. Located at 87th Ave and the Cross Island Pkwy East Service Road. Proceeds of the festival go to support the school, so please go and enjoy the live and lively music, all the great rides, food and games.

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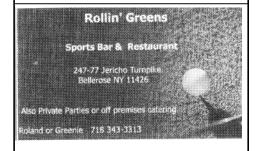
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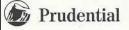
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