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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee, John Reh, Chairman Bernie Wechsler, George Wolf, Bob Costagliola, and Howard Slaney offers this slate of Candidates for 1978-1979.

### President:

Bernie Wechsler

### Vice President:

Sebastian Platania

### Treasurer:

Edward Halleran

### Recording Secretary:

Laura Gonzales:

### Corresponding Secretary

Lorraine Anzalone

### Board of Directors:

Two year term:

Bob Costagliola

George Sharp

### One year term (4):

James Delaney

Howard Slaney

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We urge you to study the candidates offered, and to note that we have no candidates to offer Board of Directors, two vacancies, one year term.

The Constitution of the B.C.C.A. provides for nominations from the floor. Hopefully the two slots will be filled from the floor.

We are all in Belle-rose by choice, and we remain here by choice. We have made perhaps the largest investment we'll ever make by buying a house in this area. We do not want to see our area deteriorate.

One way of assuring that the community is maintained is for homeowners and tenants to participate in the activities of the community---such as to be active in the B.C.C.A.

## AT THE LIBRARY

Finally, the Bellerose Library has a catalog! Not a card catalog like mode people are used to, but a microfiche catalog. The holding of the library by author are listed on just three of the microfiche and there are also listings under titles and subjects. Anyone who is interested in learning how to use the reader to look up a book has only to ask one of the librarians and we'll be glad to help. Unfortunately there are a few major drawbacks to this type of catalog: right now it is only up to date through May, 1978 and will always be at least two months behind in listing what we own; it also does not indicate

us to the maximum degree possible, but the adults are not taking advantage of all the new books and best sellers that we've received.

We expect to have blinds fairly soon so we can start showing films to all age groups. All of our programs are very well attended but unfortunately those who hold the purse strings do not consider program attendance as a valid indication of library use - they judge us on how many books are circulated. Heartfelt thanks to

all of you who are regular users.

D. Jean Dickerson  
Branch Librarian

## NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY

December 7, 1978

8:30 P.M.

ELECTION of OFFICERS

HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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85th Avenue



STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!  
COME ONE, COME ALL

Girl Scout Craft and  
Cake Sale  
Bellerose District  
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Church

Tuesday, December 5th  
3 - 5 PM

Rain or Shine

Pick up those special  
holiday goodies pre-  
pared for you by warm  
hearts, loving hands  
and sticky fingers.  
Support your Local  
Girl Scouts. We'll  
be looking for you,  
won't you drop by and  
pick up

A Brownie Smile  
A Junior laugh  
A Cadette's shy  
glance  
A Senior's grin  
A Leader's delight

Betty Platania

## TWO ON THE AISLE

Isn't it nice to be  
able to go to a movie  
again with your best  
girl and not have to  
get a second mortgage  
on your house? After  
years of reading movie  
reviews and watching  
Academy Awards given  
to what amounted to  
only names read from  
a theater marquee, I  
find I can now actually  
discuss current attrac-  
tions and comment from  
a personal viewpoint,  
thanks to the new low  
price policy establish-  
ed at our own Belle-  
rose Theater.

According to Mr. L.  
Letter, a represent-

ative of Century  
Theaters, Inc., the  
78¢ admission was  
first experimented  
with at the Bellerose  
Theater, with a view  
to making family en-  
tertainment available  
at an affordable price.  
Acknowledging the  
present high cost of  
living, the people at  
Century felt there was  
a definite demand and  
need for this type of  
entertainment to be  
made accessible to  
customers on a tight  
budget. Thanks to the  
successful response  
here in Bellerose, this  
plan has now been in-  
itiated at other Cen-  
tury Theaters in a  
variety of locations.

How long will it be  
continued? As long as  
customer acceptance  
and approval is evi-  
dent. In an effort to  
produce among its  
patrons a habit of  
weekly attendance, a  
new show is featured  
every Wednesday, re-  
gardless of the suc-  
cess or failure of  
the previous attraction.

As far as I'm con-  
cerned, it's almost  
too good to be true --  
Century has made us an  
offer we can't resist  
-- right in our own  
backyard.

Betty Platania

## BOATING COURSE

Flotilla 12-8, U.S.  
Coast Guard Auxiliary,  
will begin its 12  
lesson course on Boat  
ing Skills and Seaman-  
ship on Tuesday, Jan-  
uary 9, 1979 at 7:30  
P.M. at the Martin Van  
Buren H.S. 232nd St.  
and Hillside Ave.,  
Queens Village. The  
course will be given  
by qualified instruc-  
tors and will cover  
many aspects of boat  
handling. For early  
registration or addi-  
tional information,  
call Angelo Conti at  
212-969-3914. The  
course is FREE, but  
there is a minimum  
charge for materials.

## AMBULANCE CORPS NEEDS HELP

In an all out effort  
to enroll new members,  
Ron Mancuso and other  
Officers have been  
going to as many civic  
organizations as possi-  
ble during the past  
8 months. Our Ambul-  
ance Corps has been  
open to the public  
each evening for blood  
pressure tests and has  
also been open for  
equipment inspection  
on several occasions.  
However, it seems  
that it is not enough  
publicity to enhance  
residents of our tri-  
community area to  
help the ambulance  
corps by enrolling.

We are still optimis-  
tic that we will see  
a change in the near  
future. For infor-  
mation, please call  
776-6272.



### Pioneering in New York City -- In Bellerose Manor to be Exact!

During the great depression in the 30's a young German couple, living in Floral Park, decided to have a home of their own. But with no resources, unemployed, hard pressed for rent money, it seem impossible.

Our only assets were two lots, free and clear, but no water, no gas, no electricity and no street. Also, no mortgage to be had. So accustomed to sharing things, I put our small tent and my toolbox into our Model A car and moved into our lots, pitching the tent on October 7, 1937.

The beautiful 85 to 90 foot white oak trees had long since been cut down for firewood by desperate people. Bellerose Manor Corp. agreed to remove the stumps out of the proposed 85th Road and I started cutting the underbush. Cashing my life insurance for \$519, I hired a crane and had a holde dug. The lumber company allowed me monthly payments, so I could be putting up the concrete forms. After renting a  $\frac{1}{2}$  bag little mixer, the fun began. By using four 40 quart milk cans for water and funning back and forth three days, the foundation was complete (my wife, our son and a cousin having helped) Now it became routine

work, being my own watchman. My lovely wife walked two and three times from Floral Park with food to keep me going. When it became time to put up the rafters, my wife and boy were up there with me, a birch branch on the peak for good luck. Now I could move my tent into the bedroom. It was getting cold, and on Christmas eve, 1937, we moved into the unfinished home. We had a fifty cent Christmas tree on top of the kitchen table and the plaster was only partly dry. The only comfort was a second hand kitchen stove. We still had no water, no gas, no electricity and no hope for a job soon.

Well I kept the milk cans coming for water and my wife melted snow to cook. We had some bricks in the stove, putting them in our beds to take the chill out, but our out house wasn't too comfortable. But we managed, and not one of us had a cold that winter!

In early January, I had two job offers. I chose the one that lasted two years and we could finish our home, put in trim, doors, floors, plumbing. But once more we had to struggle in laying the cellar floor. Mixing by hand, we worked two full days and nights to do so. Six months later, water, gas and electricity were brought in and finally we could enjoy our home, grateful to be living in such a

fine community.

I do believe sincerely that the good Lord helps those that help themselves!

Your neighbor,

John Meyer  
(247th Street)



*Season's  
Greetings*



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people  
on the  
"grow"

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