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## PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

It's hard to believe that two years have passed since my first Gavel. It's been an exciting and stimulating time and I feel gratified that some things have been accomplished during my tenure. I started this year by promising in the January Action News that we would strive for more attendance at our meetings and that we would have a suitable Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. While we had a few rough meetings, attendance at our last several meetings has been up sharply. Our Anniversary Block Party was a lot of fun despite two downpours. In addition, we were successful in getting the City to admit to the need for a traffic light at Little Neck Pkwy; continued our fight against the cruel and inappropriate treatment of the homeless at Creedmore Shelter and played some small role in closing the shelter permanently; we continue to sit on the Advisory Board for the RCCA Center for homeless mentally impaired at Creedmore; we've gotten the City to investigate the condition of our local streets for possible reconstruction and we've come to the aid of several residents by

presenting various issues before the Community Board and the City Planning Commission.

In general, I've strengthened my own belief in the value of this Civic Association but I'm very disappointed in the general apathy and lack of interest on the part of most people in our own community and throughout the area. While attendance at meetings has improved, we only get about thirty people out of TWELVE HUNDRED FAMILIES at our meetings, and most of these people are the same each month. The success of a civic association relies on a constant flow of new ideas, attention to the problems of the community and most importantly, input from a broad range of people. In other words members, it's up to you to bring vital issues to our attention!

I would like to thank the members of the Board, especially Bob Costagliola, Lorraine Anzalone, Bernie Wechsler and our Treasurer Ross Fertitta for their interest, support and assistance over the past two years. I hope that the progress we've made since our reorganization ten years ago will continue and that the community involves themselves more



## Season's Greetings

**FROM THE OFFICERS  
& BOARD MEMBERS  
OF B.C.C.A.**

actively in the many issues that need to be attacked. Thank you all.

Richard Hellenbrecht  
President

Ⓞ — **Notice** — Ⓞ

THE  
NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY  
Dec. 5, 1985  
8:00 P.M.  
GUEST SPEAKER

HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Corner of 248th St. &  
85th Avenue

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NOVEMBER MEETING

At our meeting on Nov. 7, 1985, we were pleased to have Captain Merryman and several officers from the 105th Precinct present. The Captain updated us on many of the activities of the 105th and told us of the problems he and his forces are experiencing. He has been successful in establishing a team of four officers to investigate drug hot spots, and there are several in the precinct and some in our neighborhood. He has also had success in setting up the Total Patrol Concept - the cop on the street- now patrolling just west of the Parkway and some other locations in the precinct. Both of these programs have been very successful and great assets to our community.

Most importantly, two officers described the new PAL Queens Program which is being introduced at the Youth Center: 80-45 Winchester Blvd. The program features swimming, bowling, basketball, numerous table games and social events. It is available for children from 10 to 19+ years old everyday from 5 to 10 p.m. This program sounds very exciting and I'm thrilled that it is so close to us. Volunteers are needed. Call (212) 477-9450 Ext. 38 for details.

The next Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Assoc. meeting will be held on Dec. 5 at the House of Hope Church. We will elect our slate of off-

icers for 1985 and discuss various items of interest to the community. Please join us at 8 p.m.

BELLEROSE LIBRARY NEWS

Harriet Goldfluss, Bellerose Library's Branch Manager, retired from the Queens Borough Public Library System on October 31, 1985 and she left this farewell message to the Bellerose community:

"I want to express my thanks to the members of the Bellerose community for all the expressions of good will on my retirement. Being Branch Library Manager at the Bellerose Library has been a joy for me, and I shall always have fond memories of the wonderful people I've encountered during my stay there. Again, my appreciation for all your kindness. The new Branch Library Manager is Mrs. Martha Leung, and I'm sure she and the library staff will continue the high quality of service to which you have been accustomed."

Harriet Goldfluss

Our new Branch Library Manager, Mrs. Martha Leung, has been with the Queens Borough Public Library System for 20 years. Recently, she was Branch Manager at the Howard Beach Branch for more than 2 years and was Branch Manager at the Glendale Branch for almost 5 years previous to that. She has worked in all capacities in the system as Assistant Branch Librarian, Reference Librarian and Children's Librarian in a number of Queens libraries.

ADULT DRAMA WORKSHOP

Continues to meet Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Follow the story of the man who broke the secret World War II code, Enigma, in Andrew Hodges' Alan Turing: the Enigma, Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Copies available in the library.

Registered Massage Therapist, Harold Packman, guest interviewee on many radio and TV stations, will lecture on Massage and Ice Therapy on Saturdays Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Folk Singer & Guitarist Lori Holland, a recitalist who has appeared at Carnegie Hall, will perform original and contemporary songs on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.

CHESS CLUB - For players of all ages and levels meets Saturdays 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS

Book Discussion meets Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:30 p.m. Find out what goes on in a shopping mall when the stores close for the night in Secrets of the Shopping Mall by Richard Peck.

Growing Up Male/Growing Up Female - roundtable discussion led by Helen M. Firestone on Thursday Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hour for 3½ - 5 year olds continues on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. for pre-registered members.

Pre-school films for 3-5 year olds are shown on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. except during the Christmas vacation.

Junior Book Discussion meets on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Special Holiday film presentation of Dr. Dolittle at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26 for grades 1-6.

A THANK YOU

On the night of Oct. 15, the car parked (facing Little Neck Parkway) on the corner of 254th St. & 87th Ave. happened to belong to a "driveway burglar". I was the victim. As the robber ran to his car after he got my purse, I screamed for help. And my neighbors were wonderful! They heard me and responded like a team, called 911 and the police came within minutes.

I want to publicly thank such terrific neighbors who came to my assistance; also to the "Kids on the corner" who were able to identify the car and the police of the 105th who responded so fast.

Stephanie K. Rosenthal

USED MOTOR OIL

Many of us don't give it a second thought about discarding used motor oil when we change the oil in our cars. Some fill cans or bottles and place them with other garbage, while others dump the oil down sewers. In both cases, the oil is gone from sight and never seems to be a problem. However, it is a problem - an environmental problem. The waste oil eventually winds up on the surface of some local body of water to become an oil sheen that interferes with wildlife, fish, and other aquatic organisms.

A current New York State regulation requires all service stations that change oil for its customers to accept up to 5 gallons of used oil from any person. For the most part many stations do not comply, but this is changing. Service stations that do not comply and also, individuals who improperly discard used oil can be fined for up to \$1000 and a year in jail.

Find out more about the state regulations and how you can properly dispose of used oil, by attending the next Bellerose Community Board meeting. Charles Tozzo, one of our local residents, will inform you of the facts and what proper actions to take. We are looking forward to seeing you.

CRAFT SALE

Beautiful handmade items will be offered for sale once again at the "Spirit of Christmas" Craft Sale to be held at the Oak Room (church basement) of St. Gregory the Great Church.

Come on Sat. Dec. 7 from 1-4 p.m. when you will be able to buy that special gift, pick up a cak item, take part in a raffle or add to the decorations for your own home. There will be a separate table reserved for sale to Young Shoppers only. Make it a must to stop in at this holiday offering and look over the marvelous selection displayed for your consideration.

GIRL SCOUTS

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12th from 3-5 p.m. the Bellerose Girl Scouts will be holding their annual Holiday Sale at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. You will find something for everyone - crafts as well as baked goods.--



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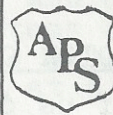
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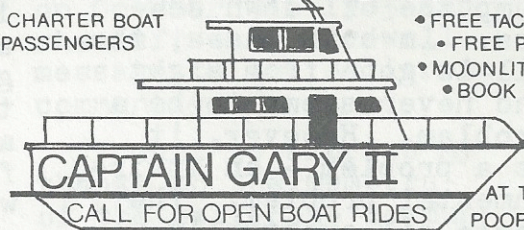
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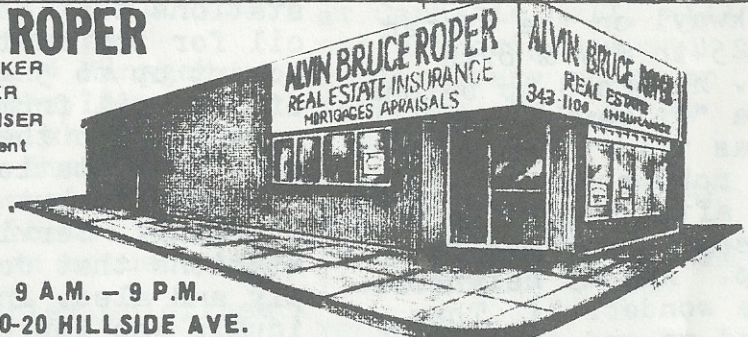
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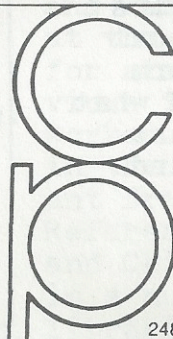


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