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**Election of Officers
and Representatives
of NYC Police
Department's
Queens Narcotics Unit
December 1, 1988
at 8:00PM
House of Hope Church
248th Street and 85
Avenue**

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

**Mayor Koch
invites residents
of our area to a
Town Hall
Meeting
November 30
at 7:30PM
at JHS 172
Hillside Junior
High School
81-14 257 Street**

President's Gavel

The November meeting was very crowded and I apologize because I didn't get to re-arrange the tables to fit more people comfortably. I think the turnout indicated the interest of our neighbors in the issue of the proposal by Catholic Charities to build a senior citizen's housing building in Bellerose. After long and hearty discussion, we voted in opposition of the project by 72 to 2 with 4 abstaining. There are

strong differences splitting the members of the community on this subject and the issues are complex. Many people have a fierce loyalty to St. Gregory's and/or to Monsignor Feldhaus. Still others oppose the project because the use appears inappropriate to the site. So far, we have been told that no decision has been made and we are pushing as hard as possible to retain the softball field and railroad spur property for recreational and

training purposes as they have been dedicated in the past.

A meeting was called by St. Gregory's on Nov. 10 and attended by about 1,000 people. Although the number of pro- and con- speakers were pretty much in balance, the overwhelming sentiment seems to be opposed to the project, although only selected speakers were allowed to speak in favor of the project and others were only allotted one minute to

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Craft Sales

There will be a Holiday craft sale sponsored by PS133 PTA on December 2 at the school from 10AM to 3PM. On sale will be hand crafts donated by residents of Bellerose.

Another craft sale will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church on December 8 from 2PM until 5. The sale will be in the basement of the Sunday School featuring handmade crafts. This sale is sponsored by a local youth group, who also made all of the items for sale as part of their program.

St. Gregory's has a craft sale scheduled for December 17. See parish bulletin for details. The Women's Service Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church will have craft sale from 10AM to 4PM on December 3 in the Sunday School Basement. Handmade crafts will be on sale.

Holiday Greetings

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the BCCA, I wish you all a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year. I would also like to thank all of you who have helped so

much this year in meeting the great challenges we have had this year. We have demonstrated the importance of a strong civic organization in the battle we fought and won for a traffic light on 86th Avenue and in disseminating the facts on the senior's apartment building proposed by St. Gregory's. I think next year's challenges will be even more difficult and we have to be ready with a solid association to fight the problems which are waiting to defeat unprepared communities. Please come down and participate in all of our meetings throughout the new year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Staff

ADULT PROGRAMS

Once-a-Month Book Sale:

Monday December 19 1 to 7:30 PM. Adult, young adult and juvenile hardcover and paperbacks available.

Book Discussion:

Thursday December 15th at 10:30AM. The book is The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende, a strong absorbing Chilean family chronicle.

PROGRAMS:

1. "Tall Ships at the New York World's Fair 1964-1965" presented by Mr. Frank O. Braynard famous author of maritime history and curator of the American Merchant Marine Museum at King's Point, Thursday 12/8 from 7:30 to 9PM.

2. Jerry Bialy, professor actor and instructor for drama and oral interpretation of poetry and plays in New York City high schools for over 25 years, will present a program of comic readings en-

titled "Laugh and the World Laughs With You." The selections are from writers such as Lewis Carroll, James Thurber, Ogden Nash, Shel Silverstein and Dorothy Parker. Monday December 12th from 7:30 to 9PM.

Camera Club:

Saturday December 3rd and 17th 10AM to 1PM.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS:

Chess Club meets Thursday nights Dec. 8,15,22,29 from 5:30 to 7:45PM. The Bellerose Library Chess Club sponsors 5, 10, 20 minute tournaments that start first Thursday of every month. All ages are welcome. No entry fee. Round-Robin and Swiss Quads are available. Bring your own clock and board please. New members must play in the Round Robins first. For information call Mike Fricano, Monday through Friday 8 to 10PM at (718)224-8004.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

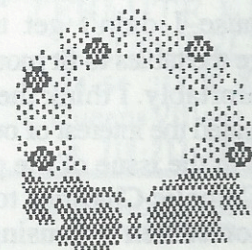
Picture Book Hours: 3-1/2 to 5 year olds on Tuesdays December

6, 13, 20 at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. Pre-Registration is required.

Arts and Crafts: for school age children on Friday December 16th at 3:30PM. Pre-registration is required.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our December meeting is our election of new officers and Board members for the coming year. Our new officers will need all of your support and I hope you will turn out in strength to set the pace for 1989.



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speak their views. Monsignor Feldhaus addressed each of the Sunday Masses prior to the meeting and has since placed an article which was very negative to the community in November 20's Bulletin. In addition, Sr. Eugenia, our parish manager, included an open letter in the bulletin severely criticizing all civic leaders for defying the church. Your civic leaders have been given no opportunity, other than our own newsletters to present our views.

I reported the overwhelming opposition of the Association to the project and tried to complete a brief discussion of the important zoning and land use issues. The one minute time limit, however, was not enough to complete any real discussion.

I now oppose this project more strongly than ever since real and, we believe, significantly better alternatives were offered which Charities resisted without any plausible explanation. I hope you will all express your views in writing to Bishop Mugavero, who is the ultimate decision maker. We certainly want to help our seniors, but this project has very little possibility of helping seniors from our area and a very high possibility of permanently harming our suburban lifestyle by introducing large apartment buildings into this single and two-family house area.

R. Hellenbrecht

TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Koch will come to the Bellerose area on November 30 to talk to the residents of Community Board 13. If you are disturbed by city services that are, or are not getting to our area, or if you are anxious as I am to pursue new zoning options to preserve our beautiful area for many generations to come, you must get to this meeting and speak your piece.

The meeting will be from 7:30 to 9PM at Hillside Junior High School located at 81-14 257th Street (between 81st and 82nd Avenues.)

The Mayor will be joined by several top city officials who will take questions from the floor.



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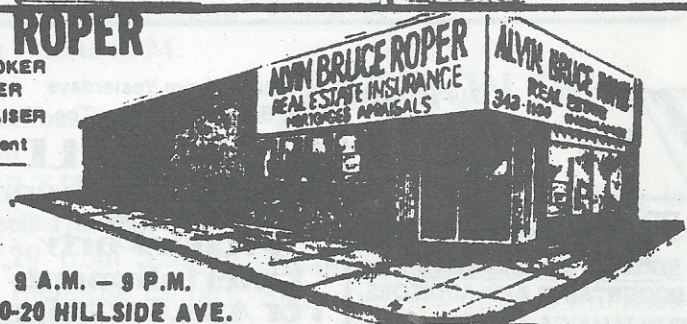
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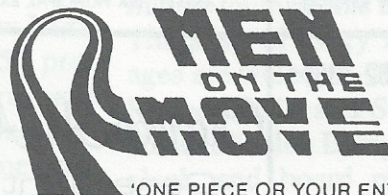
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