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December Meeting
Dominick Sutera
Mortgage Manager
Long Island Savings Bank
Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995
8:00pm
House of Hope Church
Cor. 248 St. & 85th Ave.
Refreshments Served

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

President's Gavel

by: Joseph W. Byrne

Its holiday time and we've completed another year. Regrettably, time has not permitted our customary holiday decorating contest but we hope people will keep up their beautiful custom of dressing up their homes for the holidays. This is truly a lovely time around Bellerose.

As you know, December is our annual election of officers. At the December 7 meeting we will elect a new slate of officers. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the assistance and contribution of all of the directors and members over the past two years. It has been a great learning experience for me and I hope I've met your expectations. I look forward to a long, continuing relationship with the BCCA.

Please consider volunteering for a Board spot. Its very important to Bellerose.

Happy Holidays

by: Joseph W. Byrne

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, I'd like to wish everyone in Bellerose a health and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

We hope that you've enjoyed our 1995 BCCA season. We're proud of our renewed schedule of speakers and we have planned a series on interesting topics for the Spring.

Meetings

Thanks to the hard work of our Vice President Richard Brown, we have heard from a diverse and interesting group of speakers over the past several months. At the November meeting, we met Dr. Richard Grosso who spoke on the subject of health and nutrition. Many of us walked away with a much better understanding of our health, exercise and eating habits.

Our December meeting features an expert in mortgage management. Dominick Sutera from Long Island Savings Bank will provide some important advice and suggestions for those of us who may be considering getting a mortgage for a new house or refinancing your current home.

Mark your calendar now for the January meeting on Jan. 4. George Donley, accountant in tax planning, will speak on this always timely topic.

Eagle Scout Project

At our November 2nd meeting we met James Davniero, a local long-term Boy Scout who is pursuing his Eagle Scout, the highest award in boy scouting.

Each candidate has to meet several rigorous qualifications including submitting a completed project - which includes identifying and formulating the project plan, gathering necessary materials, orga-

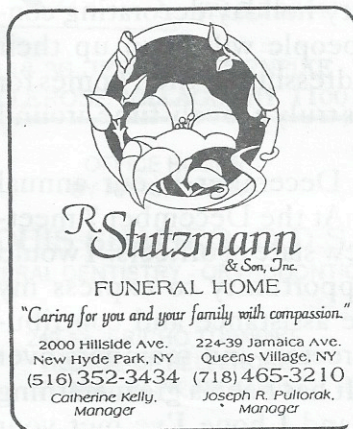
nizing and coordinating whatever labor may be necessary and reporting on it.

James has decided on a project this Spring to fix up the city-owned property at the triangle on Commonwealth Boulevard at 85th Avenue. This property has always been an eyesore which has relied on the BCCA or independent local residents to mow, rake and straighten up. While James' exact plans are not yet formalized, it is clear that any improvement to that lot will con-

tribute substantially to the beautification of the neighborhood.

While the BCCA has no responsibility for this property, we have offered advice and whatever support we can. James has been cautioned on various liability issues and we've counseled against installing benches or anything that would attract loitering or create possible dangerous conditions.

We wish James the best on this project and hope he will continue to keep us up to date on his progress.



St. Gregory's Theatre Group

We have received the following announcement from Karen Platania, Publicity Director of St. Gregory's Theatre Group. Come on down on December 5, have some fun and maybe catch a break in show business!

St. Gregory's Theatre Group of Bellerose will hold auditions for their winter show consisting of three one-act plays. They are as follows - THE FROG PRINCE, THE

DANCERS and THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL. Adults age 18 and over are invited to audition on November 30th from 7pm to 10pm in the Oak Room or December 5th from 7pm to 10pm in the Convent basement.

The Oak Room is located below the Church on the west side of the Cross Island Parkway at 88th Road and 242nd Street. The Convent is on the Cross Island Parkway Service Road East and 88th Road.

The show dates are January 26th and 27th and February 2nd and 3rd.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to Bellerose

Holy Trinity News

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has asked us to post the following announcements. The Church is located at 246-55 87th Avenue, corner of 87th Avenue and Commonwealth Boulevard.

Holiday Boutique Sale - Saturday December 2, 1995 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church from 10am to 3pm. All new handcraft items, foods, ornaments, gifts. Free admission.

Come to the Clothesline Saturday December 9, 1995 at HTRC from 10am to 2pm. Sale features gently recycled clothing - call (718)347-0278.

Merchants' Survey

The BCCA is cooperating in a survey which is being conducted among the various merchants along Jamaica Avenue/Jericho Turnpike from just west of the Cross Island Parkway east to the city line.

Since many businesses have left the area and left behind vacant and unkempt buildings, the purpose of the survey is to try to identify factors the entrepreneurs use to

locate or stay in Bellerose. Hopefully, if these factors can be identified, we can encourage firms to stay or attract new firms to fill in some of the vacancies. An additional desire is to encourage the business owners to work together more closely to take care of any problems that discourage business growth - like graffiti, parking problems, litter, etc.

We are working in concert with our neighbors, the Queens Colony Civic Association, as well as the Bellerose Village

Business District Development Council and the Bellerose Terrace Civic Association in Nassau.

So far this is an effort of real cooperation between Queens and Nassau civics and businesses. The surveys will be compiled by the next Action News and we will report further in January.

Queens Village Bus Depot

The New York City Department of Transportation, while speaking in front of a Queens Village area civic association, made a suggestion that the informal bus depot located at the dairy/deli/Duncan Donuts on Hillside Avenue and Springfield Avenue should be removed.

Buses leave from this location to the casinos in Atlantic City and Foxwood and to all locations throughout the United States. Without this depot, most of us would need to go far out to Nassau County or travel to the Bus Terminal in midtown Manhattan to get our children back to college or meet other visiting relatives. Most civics in Queens Village and east have indicated a strong desire to keep the bus depot. Let us know what you think.

Slate Report

The Slate Committee of the BCCA reports the following slate of officers and directors for 1996 for election at the December meeting. Following a reading of the slate at the upcoming meeting, nominations will be requested from the floor. You are encouraged to volunteer for any position listed below.

President: Richard M. Brown
Vice Pres.: Richard McGuire
Treas.: Richard Hellenbrecht
Corr. Secy: Carol Robinson
Rec. Secy: John Reh
Directors - two year term:
 Sibastian Platania
 George Wolf
 Bernard Wechsler
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In addition, due to the move of one director to officer position, one director position is available for a one year term.

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 Joseph W. Byrne

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Girl Scouts Craft Sale

Just in time for Christmas/Chanuka holidays, our local Girl Scouts are sponsoring a craft sale. The prefect gift for someone hard to please can be found here - and it will be inexpensive, good looking, environmentally safe and politically correct!

The craft sale features handmade crafts all made by our girls.

Please come to Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School Basement at Commonwealth Boulevard at 86th Road on Thursday December 7 from 2pm to 5pm and leave with some great gifts.

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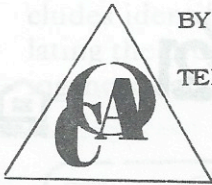
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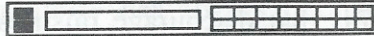
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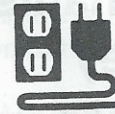
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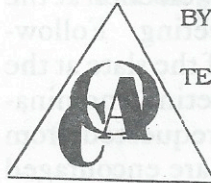
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